



Clarke deepens Euro rift with attack on right

Chancellor banks on steady growth in pre-election strategy

those in his party firting Mr Clarke said: "We need to with the idea of withdrawing from the European Union. tial position in the world's

sequences, both economic and political". The Chancellor dropped a Larry Elliott Economics Edito

clear hint that the recession HANCELLOR Ken-neth Clarke threw down the gauntlet to in Britain's key European

markets would next month force him to revise down his 3 the Tory right last night when he used his big-gest set-place speech of the year to champion Britain's per cent growth forecast for this year, but stressed that the Government's pre-elecmoership of Europe and on steady growth rather than

a populist attempt to stoke up

the economy. Seizing the first opportu-nity to hit back at the 74 Eur-

osceptics who backed Bill Cash's token referendum bill,

most powerful single market.

the European Union, in order to take full advantage of our

opportunities." The Chancellor added that



exile from KEN GLARKE LEFT ME A the world's biggest marketplace would have serious enects Kenneth Clarke Chancellor

said this goal — together with | the Prime Minister's desire to | Mr Clarke said the econ my was enjoying the longest period of sustained low infla-tion for 50 years and mortabolish capital gains tax and inheritance tax - was contingent on robust growth and gage rates at their lowest since the mid-sixties. He precontrol of public spending. "We can only make pro-gress on tax when it is pru-dent and sensible to do so, as dicted that the number of people out of work and claiming benefit - which fell by our budget deficit closes. We are not pursuing a 1990s ver-sion of Reaganomics — slash almost 15,000 to 2,167,000 last month - would drop below two million in 1997. taxes and hang the deficit, in The Chancellor said the the naive belief that any tax benign inflation outlook justi-cut will always generate addi- fied last week's cut in interest

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Michael White and David Brindle

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in Britain's children's homes, ordering a full judicial in-quiry into one of the worst scandals and a wide-ranging review of others.

twin-track approach to what has become a damaging political issue after the Cabinet meets this morning to en-dorse the plans. drawn up hastily by the Health and Welsh Secretaries. Stephen Dorrell and William Hague.

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free movement of convicted paedophiles and the jobs they are at liberty to take.

told that systematic repeat offences are common. A recent survey of 232 abusers found they had been responsible for 55.000 offences against 16.400 children. Conservative MP Anthony Coombes told the Commons vesterday.

Ministers are expected to bow to sustained pressure for a judicial inquiry into abuse over the past 20 years in homes in North Wales. The decision will break the deadlock over the suppression of the Jillings report on abuse in

homes in Clwyd. Mr Major, who was yester-day said to have "read the riot act" to officials over the failure of various Whitehall

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INISTERS will today act to try to heal the running sore of

sexual abuse other homes throughout Britain

John Major will unveil the

The Prime Minister will also signal restrictions on the

Scotland Yard already has 4,500 abusers' names on its books, but MPs have been

quiry would do anything to improve the safety of children In residential care. Mr Singleton said on BBC Radio 4: "We know the pature of the problem; it really is a matter of getting on and doing

Alan Milburn, shadow health minister, said: "Labour will support a

departments to co-ordinate

make his initial statement at question time today — and to amplify this when he addresses the Welsh Tory conference tomorrow.

effective action, is expected to

In a second move, ministers are expected to call for a less formal, but more speedy, Martin Walnwright review of the lessons to be learned from scandals in

HE Queen of the York-shire Coast was chewing its elegant nails with fury last night, after Bulgar-Mr Hague has been under intense pressure to intervene in North Wales. Leaked veria's Euro 96 squad dismissed

it as too remote and quiet and pulled out to — oh, mortificabecause of libel fears — have linked 12 subsequent deaths of former children's home tion - sunny Darlington. Ping-pong, bracing cliff walks and the numinous at-

rule out a tax-cutting bonanza

in the last Budget before the

Mr Clarke risked deepening

the Government's rift over

Europe with an attack on

Speaking at the Lord Mayor's Mansion House banquet, Mr Clarke warned that "choosing

general election.

wats and the huminous ar-mosphere which inspired Bram Stoker to write Dracula have failed to keep the play-ers at the Raven Hall hotel, a blackstone pile on top of the saw-toothed rocks of Raven-scar Point Scarbornush have experienced in care. Four men have been con-

victed of abuse. The focus of attention has recently shifted to Cheshire, where up to 300 children may scar Point, Scarborough, "It's just too quiet and we don't have so many facili-ties," said team captain and have been abused over the past 30 years and six care workers have been jailed,

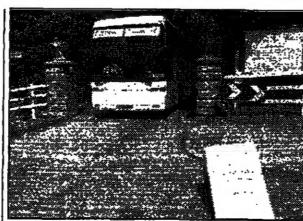
with further cases pending. These continuing cases and police inquiries will make the goalkeeper Borislav "Bobby" Mihailov — unconsciously echoing the ages-old anthem planned review tricky. of Bridlington, Scarborough's

Roger Singleton, director of deadly rival down the coast. "The players were far from the children's charity Barnar-do's, said yesterday he was not sure that a further inhappy and were becoming very bored."

Demands for a "sporting" repayment of some of the £25,000 stumped up by Scar-borough council for Bulgar-ia's hotel bill and training

will pursue the team to Darlington, where players are taking rooms at a country house hotel, vacated by Romania's squad which is due to move south. Mavis

Don, leader of Scarborough's Labour group, said: "I think it national inquiry into abuse in



The Bulgarian team make their exit from Scarborough

sportsmanship, if they paid a brave face yesterday on the back some of the money our move — which follows un-taxpayers have spent to bring helpful recent controversies back some of the money our taxpayers have spent to bring them here." The Bulgarians will exam-ine the plea in the Redworth Hall Hotel, between Darlington and Stockton-on-Tees, a former pad of the aristocratic and sporting Surtees family and one of the most luxurious new hotels in the North. The leader of Darlington council, John Williams, said: "We also thought that Darlington was the best place for the Bulgarians, because of our excellent communications with Typeside, and we were at a loss to understand why they went to Scarborough in the first turn to page 2, column 5 which would also show good The Queen of the Coast put Euro 96, page 14

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 Creating healthy sustainable an asset, helping to attract inward investment and cement-ing the City's role as a global growth is a painstaking Drocess".

Dismissing the idea that he could engineer a pre-election boom, Mr Clarke said: "The He re-emphasised the Gov-ernment's commitment to reduce the standard rate of income tax to 20 per cent, but

tional revenue." | rates to 5.75 per cent, but said Reflecting his belief that | he would not hesitate to inthe Government's main probcrease borrowing costs if his lem remains the need to restore public confidence in inflation target appeared to be in jeopardy. He added: "The British economy will be in excellent its handling of the economy after the ERM debacle, the

Chancellor went on: "The real world doesn't work that way. Tax cuts that could not be afforded would inevitably have to be reversed. Nobody wants that. In any case, to think that the electorate could be bribed by premature tax cuts is an insult_to the intelligence of the British people".

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Governor's speech

shape when the Prime Minister decides to call an election ... But that will be because this Government has got the fundamentals right, because we have got the recipe for economic success."

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Scarborough not so fair for Bulgars **Rival attractions** **************************

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seals, Sea Life centre ships in Peashoim Park Hall Hotel landslip □ Jet-boat trip around the bay, followed by fresh crab

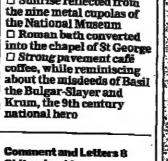
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tury church Sofia The view across the Balkans

the nine metal cupolas of the National Museum Roman bath converted. Strong pavement café
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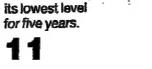
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very suspicious of US co-operation with Bosnia's government.

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market in Bulearia" Bulgarian officials also offered the hand of friendship last night, explaining their move as a matter more of cut-

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up a Benson and

Hedges Cup final

with Northants, who

beat Warwickshire.

ting down on travel, than lack of excitement by the seaside.

over sewage, seal-clubbing and a proposed seagull cull (abandoned after a popular uprising). Although only 750 of an expected 5,000 Bulgarian fans have come to stay in the resort, tourism committee chairman Dave Thompson expressed confidence that the town's investment and public-ity had "opened up a new

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Sketch

Lottery ticket protest a loser



Simon Hoggart

HERE was a demonstration in the public gallery of the Commons yester-day, with bits of paper being showered into the chamber. I don't want to sound more like an old fart than usual; these protests must seem like a good idea at the time. However, I

fear they are always counterproductive MPs look up for half a second, the demonstrators are hurried away by attendants, and the leaflets remain unread. It's a point of honour in the Commons that nobody should glance at them. I did see two Labour MPs. Diane Abbott and Keith Hill, sneak look later, but they're new, and don't know the form. Oddly enough this turned out to be a unique example of Unesco hooliganism. MPs on both sides of the House were trying to persuade the For-eign Office Minister Sir Nicholas Cosmo Bonsor (who has my favourite of all MPs' names, straight out of a Sherlock Holmes story: "Sir Nicholas Cosmo Bonsor," said my companion. placing his fingertips together and narrowing his eyes. "is without doubt the most evil man in London'') that Britain should rejoin Unesco, the UN agency responsible for culture. MPs made the point that the bad old days, when Unesco

was under the influence of various Third World tyrants, were over and that the organisation once again deserved

our support. Toby Jessel (C. Twicken ham) made a contribution which was silly even by his own high standards. He spoke of a time when, he claimed, "Unesco was staffed by longhaired men, short-haired women, and people who wear sandals in the office!"

At this point, on what ap peared to be some inaudible cue, a group of short-haired women of the type described (one had glossy pink hair and

First night

looked rather sweet, like a My Little Pony toy) stood up in the gallery, squealed, and threw the bits of paper down. These turned out to be lot-tery tickets. Why? What were they trying to say? Were they residents of Twickenham, obecting to Mr Jessel? Many of us do, mainly because he

keeps claiming ludicrously that our privatised train service is an improvement, but we don't huri lottery tickets at him. Either way, their cause, whatever it is, has not been

Recent experience in Northern Ireland suggests that good old-fashioned terrorism seems to work.

Crown, Gerry Malone, who was concerned about the capping of grants and building bridges with dentists. Labour members were gnashing their teeth. They said he lacked wisdom and was not incisive. This was all very compli-cated, but the gist was that the Government claims to be pro-tecting NHS dentists (which is ike General Custer claiming to protect the Plains Buffalo) while Labour reckons they want to privatise the whole service.

across the chamber. "He claims," said Mr Malone of a Liberal, "that one patient has disappeared every eight work ing day seconds!" which been overpaid £16,500 by the NHS, and that this was being waived to tempt them back

into the service. Isball try this on my bank: "Unless you write off my over-draft, I shall refuse to step in-side your offices again!" Dennis Skinner accused the

Government of wanting to go back to a time in the 1930s, "when if you wanted a tooth out. you'd go to Tony Skinner, because he'd got a good pair of

Mr Malone replied that in the 1950s, a strike had meant that military dentists had

battle for the soul of this province. I will dedicate my life as never before to overturning the dastardly deed that

"This is a

Revian Paisley, **DUP** leader

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started a civil war

advanced. It's all very mysterious. I suggest that people should not waste their time on such futile Unionist 'waar' skirmishes activity and try to find more effective methods of protest.

We followed with a state-ment on dentistry. Naturally it came from a Minister of the

Demented allegations flew

Shoats, coats

pliers."

been placed on standby, which must be even more frighten-ing than facing the Skinner

was done." George Mitchell is congratulated by Irish foreign minister Dick Spring after assuming chairmanship of the talks

> Within minutes, however, an Irish official reversed that. The talks would continue for as long as it took; the Dublin government's jet, waiting to whisk Mr Spring, the foreign minister, to the United States, cut its engines.

between the Unionist parties; the battle lines have been drawn," warned a The main action was taking place between the Irish and British governments and the hardliner yesterday, still smarting from the midnight "sell-out of Ulster" at the all-Ulster Unionists as they slaved over redrafts of postion papers, straining lan-guage in the search for accoparty talks. Fear and loathing stalked the corridors of Castle Buildmodation and ambiguity. Mr ings yesterday, after George Mitchell was finally allowed Mitchell could only wait and marvel at "the maestros of He met the Ulster Unionists

to take his seat as chairman of the talks early yesterday morning. Fisticulfs was never to reassure them: "Let me mail one thing on the head, I'm not an Irish American Catholic, I'm a Lebanese Marfar from breaking out between Unionists. In the end, it seemed that a good old hard-ball by Dick Spring may have sealed the deal. At eight o'clock a Brit-ish official briefed reporters waiting outside that the ses-sion was deadlocked and onite." Deputy leader John Taylor replied: "That's great, I have a house in North Cyprus and my solicitor's a Maronite

Bob McCartney MP and the Rev Ian Paisley were less imsion was deadlocked and would shortly adjourn.

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pressed. Asked how anybody could object to a man with such impeccable interna-tional credentials, Ian Paisley Jr commented: "Yes, but so has Mickey Mouse."

gate members could do. Mon-ica McWilliams, leader of the Women's Coalition, had a pile of university examination papers sent in to mark. Some Loyalists went to the bar. The deal was finally cut beween Dublin officials and Mr Trimble in his office suite,

which only worsened Mr McCartney's mood since he was in the adjoining room. "You could hear them laughing together, it was driving Bob wild," said an aide. The denouement was swift.

The breakthrough document, entitled A Possible Approach to Resolving Procedural Difficulties, with 00.01am printed

in the top right-hand corner, was circulated to relief and

At 27 minutes past mid-night, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, told the delegates that Mr Mitchell would now be as suming the chairmanship. As the night wore on, there was little that the other dele-

There were cries of "30 pieces of silver" and "the people of East Belfast will be waiting for you" directed at the Ulster Unionist team, Sir Patrick, according to a senior British official, was

called "scum" by one delegate and his colleague Michael Ancram physically blocked the path of another trying to oc-cupy Mr Mitchell's chair. When the former US sena-tor finally walked in there was a standing ovation from

everybody except the Ulster Unionists and the remaining members of the Democratic Unionist Party. Mr Paisley thundered at him: "We don't accept you, we object in the strongest possible terms."

A few hours sleep did noth-ing to sweeten tempers. Once sumed yesterday, Mr

Castle Buildings bickering. Paisley insisted be would not take part in any sessions chaired by Mr Mitchell. He Mr Paisley recommitted himself to the struggle. "This is a battle for the soul of this province. I will dedicate my life as never before to overstormed out again, claiming that the Social Democratic and Labour Party and the loyalist Ulster Democratic Party were trying to get him ex-cluded for not verbally ac-cepting the Mitchell princi-ples of non visions turning the dastardly deed that was done." Mr Trimble expressed the hope that his colleague would soon caim ples of non-violence. down and join hhm in the

At lunchtime, Mr Trimble and the Rev William McCrea, fight against the real enemies of Unionism. DUP MP for Mid-Ulster, nearly came to blows. Mr Trimble was live on the local The next full plenary see-sion will be held next Wednesday, before which the television news bulletin when Ulster Unionists hope to whitthe glowering reverend wan-dered into picture and said: tle down Mr Mitchell's "over-arching" role. Irish ministers said this would not be allowed

"You are lying to the people of Ulster, but your lies are being caught on. Ulster's not to happen. The next round will be for sale, Davey. We will cer-tainly not be joining you to surrender Ulster." played out tomorrow at the first meeting of the Northern Ireland Forum. Sinn Fein has Mr Trimble briefly made

refused to take its 17 seats, but the SDLP will be there, even if physical contact with his tormentor, giving him a light double-handed push. "Actu-ally Willie, that is not true." they believe the real action will remain at Stormont

back inside wandered

and floats: how to double the dough He subsequently sold fish fingers and faggots for Bird's Eye, before a roundthe-world trip brought him to the island of Gozo, near It was there that Mr Simon discovered the shoat, a cross between a sheep and a goat, and found

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"You are lying to the people of Ulster, but your lies are being caught on. We will certainly not be joining you to surrender Ulster."

Rev William McCrea, DUP MP

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Woman works in soon, the high street fash-ion chain he founded, floats mysterious ways

Lyn Gardner

The York Mystery Plays Theatre Royal, York

O. as a good many of us have always known, God Disa woman — in a purple trouser suit. Two minutes into John Doyle's production of the 1956 York Mystery Cycle, you wonder why the casting of local shopkeeper Ruth Ford has attracted such controversy. This woman was born to play God. She is magnifi-cent in her ordinariness, a benign. still presence watch-ing over her world and guiding its inhabitants like a celestial lollipop lady who makes quite sure that nobody comes o any harm provided they behave themselves.

The quadrennial York Cycle has a knack of making the world seem a simpler, smaller place. The plays are born of the community and they are staged and performe by the community — 160-odd souls, from solicitors to schoolchildren, have taken

part this year. This is not high art. It is rough and ready storytelling in which the death and resur rection play second fiddle to the great sweep of mucky humanity. At the Crucifizion, one of the carpenters who helps to nail Jesus to the cross congratulates his colleague on his "nice neat work". "Me back's buggered," comments another as he helps to hoist the cross. This is funny and

true. Liz Lochhead's adaptation. as cunning and bristly as a ratcatcher's glove, and Doyle's simple production keep holding a mirror up to

the common people. The crowd which jeers Jesus as he crawls on his hands and knees is the same crowd which cannot bear to watch and weep

piteously as the nails go in. Abraham is a blustering local. Joseph, staring point-edly at Mary's ripening belly demanding to know "Who's been there?" is transformed a few minutes later into a proud

protective father and husband. Only the jack-booted Herod, a real star turn by John Hall. and his sinister henchmen. who slaughter the innocents amid swathes of red silk, are insidiously and insistently

In the Middle Ages, perfor-mances of the cycle began at 4.30am and finished some

time after midnight. Lochhead has selected and cut to whittle things down to under four hours. Inevitably there are compromises. You have barely finished laughing at the joyously childlike staging of Noah (a lovely Ark with huge, badly-behaved, glove puppet giraffe, elephants and zebras peering out of the port-holes) than you are on to the Nativity and the arrival of the three kings — an Englishman a Scotsman and a Welshman.

THE 12th century reliquary chest that at one time held But this is a mere quibble about an event that is as much to do with community, about the act of participation and the act of surrender on the part of performers and audience, as it some of the remains of St Thomas à Becket could leave the country when it goes on auction at Sotheby's in London next month. The chest, a Limoges enamel reliquary chasse, goes on sale at an estimated price

performers and audience, as it is about theatre. You can easily forgive the lack of polish amid the spectacle, the ironic comedy. the terrific music, and those tiny spellbinding moments such as a lone small boy sing-ing In the Bleak Midwinter unaccompanied.

clude selling fish fingers and encyclopedias, opened his first Monsoon store in

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Ashaggy coats to hip-

pies in London's Portobello Road will see his estimated

£65 million fortune more

than double when Mon-

Knightsbridge in 1973, specialising in "ethnic look" clothes. Since then Monsoon. which will be valued at around £250 million at flo-

tation, has mushroomed and now operates almost 150 stores. The flotation of Monsoon, which also operates the Accessorize chain, is the latest chapter in 46-year-

old Mr Simon's colourful business career. Born during a monsoon

Dan Glaister

Arts Correspondent

of about £1.5 million, al-though it could sell for as

much as £2.3 million. It is feared that the high price will mean that British museums will not be able to afford the

plece. The chasse, which has been almost perfectly preserved, is

in Sri Lanka in Sri Lanka — an event which gave his fashion empire its name - but raised in Ireland, Mr Simon left school before A levels, and after a failed attempt at joining the British army. worked as an encyclopedia salesman in the East End of

London.

Relic of turbulent priest

stirs saleroom commotion

like India gave Mr Simon more ideas for ethnic look clothing. and enabled him to employ a designer, who came up with a range of colourful hand-block printed natural cotton garments. Mr Simon's estimated £65 million fortune was made when he sold a 67 per cent

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local knitters was to turn

the creature's wool into Afghan-style coats. He immediately snapped

up a large number of "shoat coats", and on his

return to Britain, sold out

Further trips to countries

stake in Monsoon to a Mal-tese-based offshore trust in the early 1990s. However, he will retain his stake of about 30 per cent in Monsoon after the flotation, putting his wealth at around £140 million. A private man who is married with two grown-up daughters. Mr Simon ex-

Kidd, Britain's latest "su permodel". to advertise Monsoon's products. He was able to expand Monsoon rapidly during the recession, becoming one of Britain's most highly

paid businessmen in the process, and still travels extensively to meet suppliers. Mr Simon has a reputa-tion for jealously protecting Monsoon's designs, and over the last few years has threatened at least two rival fashion retailers with legal action after accusing erts considerable clout in the fashion industry, and them of last year enticed Jodie clothes. them of selling "copycat"



Prime Minister orders judicial inquiry into long sword while two other

child abuse

knights look on. Under export control rules the chasse could leave the country because it has only continued from page 1 children's homes, but only if een in the UK since 1979. when it was bought by its cur-rent vendors, the British Rail it leads to urgent action." But Brian Waller, a spokes-Pensions Fund. The NACF, which gives grants towards man for Association of Direc-tors of Social Services, said purchase of works of art, has already been in contact with he believed public disquiet over events in Clwyd de-manded a national review of the Victoria & Albert Mu-seum, one of the chasse's po-

child abuse cases. In a related move next week. Michael Howard, Home seum, one of the chasse's po-tential buyers. "We've offered a grant al-ready to get the ball rolling and help the V&A make a bid for it," said Mr Barrie. "But I'm sure other museums are interested, and the price could go much higher than the estimate." Secretary, will announce a "paedophile register", based on the findings of the recent white paper, that would strengthen post-release supervision of such sex offenders to protect the public and help prevent re-offending.

The history of the chasse remains something of a mys-tery. It was probably made for Peterborough Abbey, now Pe In response to concern that child abusers have succes Peterborough Abbey, now Pe-terborough Cathedral. Exfully moved from one children's home to another withperts have come to this con-clusion because its earliest out effective constraint, there will be a requirement to no-tify police of a change of ddr

Mr Combes, MP for Wyre Valley, yesterday won a token first reading for his Paedo-philes (Registration and Mis-cellaneous Provisions) Bill, with cross-party support. The measure would bring in a register of listed offenders.



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Iraq bars UN monitors from their nuclear weapons sites

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lan Black Diplomatic Editor

N A NEW confrontation be-tween Iraq and the West, Saddam Hussein was yester-day denying United Nations officials access to military sites, in defiance of resolu-tions ending the Gulf war. The United States and Brit-

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ain condemned Baghdad at to a Repub the UN after the first sign of yesterday.

thought to be the earliest and the largest of the 45 Becket chasses that are known to have been made. It was proba-bly made in 1195 in Limoges. serious deflance since las month's oil-for food deal. Iraq's deputy prime minis-ter, Tarig Aziz said they would not allow UN inspec-tors to enter sites vital to the country's sovereignty and sethen ruled by the English, 25 contrive One was reportedly connected with nuclear weapons and documentation. He confirmed Baghdad had denied a team of experts access to a Republican Guard facility

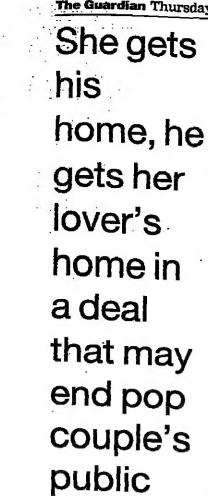
years after the murder of the then Archbishop of Canter-bury in Canterbury Cathe-The circumstances of his death are depicted in grue-some detail on one panel of the chasse. Becket is shown

known owners were, accord-ing to one 18th century source, "a Popish family of old in St Neots".

"If you are going to own a Thomas a Becket reliquary chasse, this is the one to have," said Mr Webb. "There in the act of picking up a com-munion cup. From behind, a knight decapitates him with a tr's all original..." have been no changes to it.

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Gary Younge on a bizarre deal

Bob and Paula call truce with house swap

FTER the wife swap, the house swap. A bizarre truce which may end public feuding between Paula Yates and her ex-husband, Bob Geldof, will allow her to live in his house - while he gets to live in the home of her boyfriend, pop star Michael Hutchence.

"After three days of com-plete bloody nightmare in the High Court of Justice, Bob and Paula have with collective sighs of relief arrived amicably at a half-decent solution to their hous ing arrangements," read a handwritten statement con-

firmed by their lawyers. "Paula and the kids will move into the house in Chelsea. Bob will move into Michael's house down the

But scarcely had the ink and Bob's life is of no south-west London, where dried on the deal before the significance." couple were breaking their own rules. Amid raised But the serious world has look kindly upon the couvoices Ms Yates was heard to say: "Nineteen years and you just wanted to see me ple whose relationship started more than 18 years out on the street." She then went on to describe one of ago with oral sex in a taxi, produced three children called Fifi Trixibelle, 12. Mr Geldof's friends as a Peaches, six, and Pixie, four, and ended yesterday in a hand-written agree-ment on a scruffy piece of 'slapper''.

For a consummate self-publicist like Ms Yates, 36. who in has told the world she was not potty trained until she was five, anorexic at eight and sexually intimate with an Argentinian at 12, the devil was always going to be in the detail.

and furniture. Ms Yates is "We are like the Adams family," she said yesterday. In his green tweed three-piece suit, neatly knotted slik tie, razor thin sidenearly seven months preg-nant by Hutchence, of the Australian rock band INXS, and plans to call her fourth s with goatee 10 match. Geldof was clearly playing Lurch to Ms Yates's claimed the right to move back to the £750,000 Chel-sea house she shared with Morticia. Outside the courthouse

she lives with her children. But the serious world has Ms Yates, who is reported so far found it difficult to to have £100,000 in debts, almost bad that house

repossessed. Geldof, reputed to be worth £20 million, lives with French actress Jeanne Marine, aged 25 at his £1.2 sham, Kent. Today's settlement means he will have temporary use of Hutpaper. Nor was their seriousness chence's Cheyne Walk home, which has a commer-cial owner. Hutchence is in France.

enhanced by Ms Yates's ante-natal pregnancy squats at Geldof's feet as they discussed accountants It was suggested last night that the agreement was about accommodation rather than ownership of the Geldof house, giving Ms Yates somewhere to stay while she is pregnant. The

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NEWS 3 **Clinton fails** to dampen black anger

Martin Walker in Greeleyville

RESIDENT Clinton yesterday rejected the pleas of angry black leaders that be the latest spate of hlame church burnings across the South on the "coded racist messages" of the Republi-cans, and appealed to all Americans to unite against extremists. "We must keep this out of

politics." he said, speaking in the car park of the new and not-quite finished Mount Zion church in Greeleyville, South Carolina, yesterday. It is just down the road from the charred ruins of the old church burned by white supremacists a year ago. "We must come together as

one America to rebuild our churches, restore hope and show the forces of hatred they cannot win," he said. On the podium beside him, Reverend Jesse Jackson fumed. The cheers were still ringing in his ears for his speech that had condemned "the blue suits in Congress and the black robes in the courts" for creating the cli-mate of retreat from civil rights which bred the new racism racism

"This land is our land — we bled for it. We will not allow fascist terrorists to sabotage our democracy". Rev Jackson said, before the president ar-rived. "There is a kind of anti-black manis, a kind of white riot, a kind of cultural conspiracy that sows the

seeds of racial propaganda and those who burn churches are the last stages of this

propaganda." Citing Bob Dole, the Repub-lican presidential candidate. and Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, Rev Jackson con-demned "those who use thinly coded race symbols of welfare and crime and affirmative action, so that blacks are vilifled and made scapegoats".

His impassioned speech echoed by other black leaders such as Joseph Lowry of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was an extraordinary contrast to Mr Clinton's emollient message. He arrived by helicopter too late to hear the furious black rhetoric, a reaction to the burnings of more than 30 churches in the past 18 months.

White and black church

ings, reminiscent of the worst days of the civil rights struggles. Last Saturday, after an other burning of one of the oldest black chapels in the country, Mr Clinton devoted his weekly radio address to the matter, made another speech during a campaign swing through California, and decided to highlight it once more by flying to South Carolina yesterday. It became another occasion

for Mr Clinton to show his mastery of the role of Em-path-in-Chief, his almost sacerdotal skill in officiating at great national events. He learned its power at the me-morial ceremony for the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing, when he acted as the focus for the country's grief and saw his reward in the opinon polls.

Mr Clinton was a most per-suasive healer yesterday. He turned from the righteous anger at the burning of the church, to the way the black congregation had rebuilt it

'There is a kind of

anti-black mania

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and the need for reconcilia-tion. "They could burn this church down, but they couldn't burn the faith out." he said.

"We celebrate those who have walked from the fire unharmed, girded by God's faith. I ask you to reaffirm our responsibility to keep working together, not ever to let America fall back into those patterns of hatred and division which can so easily consume any civilised people

A classic example of the way the presidency can be "a bully pulpit" to impose an issue on the national agenda, Mr Clinton spoke with the November presidential election in mind.

He has no chance of carry-ing the state of South Carolina, but he could energise the black electorate enough to vote out the Republican Senator Strom Thurmond, aged 93, and solidify his own strong following among black voters.

road. Thanks very much In a postrcript they warned journalists that any future squabbling between the estranged couple

would carry on in private. about this any further so

please don't doorstep us. Thanks."

caby Heavenly Hirani. She) couple may return to couri later this year to hammer out a final settlement.

After the two brief private hearings yesterday

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leaders have been campaign-Fire and loathing ing for months on the burn- G2 cover story



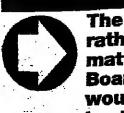
Michael White

Stephen Bates and Rebecca Smithers

HE Prime Minister last night cracked the disciplinary whip over Tory MP Bill Cash by ordering him not to accept any more cash from billionaire financier Sir James Goldsmith, in what was seen at Westminster as a James and Mr Cash's Eurosceptic think-tank.

Mr Cash was summoned to a meeting with the Tory chief

taking money from Sir James at least until the next general



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rather than defence, but we don't have much say in the matter. Yet this attack on the National Lottery Charities Board assumes that if we had a say in the matter we would all be saying the same things as a few nutty

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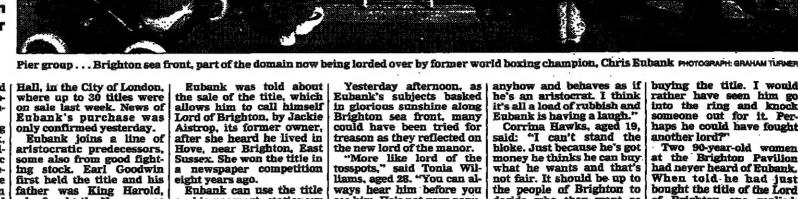
Joseph A Hardy **Vivek Chaudhary in** Tim Hudson, Ian boxer's new manor

HE self-professed lord of the ring can now pro-claim to be lord of another domain — Brighton. Former world boxing champion, Chris Eubank, who has strived hard to cul-tivate an arlstocratic image, complete with blue-blooded lisp, has gone one better, paying £45,000 at an auction for the title of Lord of the Manor of Brighton. **Eubank**, often seen wearing jodhpurs. a monocle and tailor-made suits, gained his latest title dur-ing an auction at Founders

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who fought the Normans at the Battle of Hastings. The title fell into the hands of King Henry VIII,

Eubank was told about the sale of the title, which allows him to call himself Lord of Brighton, by Jackie Aistrop, its former owner, after she heard he lived in Hove, near Brighton, East Sussex. She won the title in a newspaper competition eight years ago. Eubank can use the title

on his passport, stationary and chequebook but he will not be able to go a few rounds in the House of also known to like a spot of Lords. A manorial lordship bother, and he gave it to his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves. sit in the Honse.

Yesterday afternoon, as Eubank's subjects basked in glorious sunshine along Brighton sea front, many could have been tried for treason as they reflected on the new lord of the manor. "More like lord of the tosspots," said Tonia Williams, aged 28. "You can always hear him before you see him. He's not very popu-lar around here. He's too ar-rogant and thinks he owns the world. But at least he hasn't any rights as lord." Emily Doe, aged 80, said: "He lives the life of a lord

it's all a load of rubbish and Eubank is having a laugh." Corrina Hawks, aged 19, said: "I can't stand the bloke. Just because he's got money he thinks he can buy what he wants and that's not fair. It should be up to the people of Brighton to decide who they want as

their lord." Zeki Hassan protested that boxers should only acquire titles in the way they know how — fight for them. "There's no fun in Eubank

anyhow and behaves as if he's an aristocrat. I think it's all a load of rubbish and Eubank is having a laugh." haps he could have fought another lord?"

Two 90-year-old women at the Brighton Pavilion had never heard of Eubank,

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When told he had just bought the title of the Lord of Brighton one replied; "Not in my world, he's not a lord. I used to know a lord once and he would never have punched anyone for

money. A lord should only fight for honour."



Shephard orders shake-up as skills audit damns Britain

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OWERS to ensure teachers are trained to deliver the three Rs are to be taken by the Government in an attempt to combat Britain's failing competitiveness, Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said

The first Skills Audit to be

federation of British Industry conference. "It is absolutely essential that this is

addressed, to enable our young people, and indeed adults too, to make their way in the increasingly demand eachers.

ing jobs market." The audit, ordered by Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, compares skill levels in Britain with Germany, France, the United States and Singapore.

Mrs Shephard took pre-

Tighter control over teacher | teachers, training colleges and univer | great may sity departments — a long | very diffe standing target of the Conservative right — is designed to counter criticism in the party

that she is ineffectual. David Blunkett, Labour's ducation spokesman, said the training review should go further and reintroduce a pro-

bationary year for new Mrs Shephard was stealing Labour initiatives such as in-

spection of authorities and target setting. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters

great majority of teachers are very different from the trendy Wendy woolly jumper people — they exist, but they are in a

small minority. "We have been asking for the last 20 or 25 years that teacher training should do more to prepare teachers for the classroom. "The trouble is that the

Government has been pro-crastinating, and listening to advisers, inspectors and administrators instead of teachers.

An education bill in the autumn will allow schools to select up to half their intake published today would show emptive action yesterday, an-Britain lagging in literacy nouncing a flurry of mea-and numeracy, she told a Con- sures to raise standards. ported in principle by most Prime Minister. It will also age of secondary teachers.

These days the deal with discipline and give ority of teachers are the Office for Standards in Education powers to inspect local authorities.

The Teacher Training Agency has been asking for courses to be tightened al-though 20 out of 25 Ofsted reports on institutions in England published this month showed training to be sound or better.

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The University Council for the Education of Teachers said changes to primary training were only due to come fully into effect in September. "We must be the most reformed area in creation," said Mary Russell, the council's secretary. Its main

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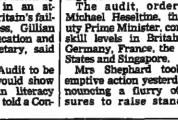
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Sue McGorrigan (right), now back with the BBC and earning £10,000 more than she did in the classroom

Knee-jerk changes will make pupils suffer'

Martin Wainwright hears a radio reporter ters first and were never thrown in at the deep end thrown in at the deep end unease. tell why she quit after a foray into education

Supervised allocations of the second state of and well-paid radio reporter took a pay cut to train for primary teaching at an inner city school three years ago But Ms McGorrigan said of the Education Secretary's raft of changes for teacher train-ing: "It looks alarmingly like kneejerk, simple-solution stuff. A programme which will make teaching look more radio in the North. organised, especially in its mixture of educational theory organised and disciplined. but almost certainly at the children's expense with a gradual introduction Ms McGorrigan, 31, rememof practice.

The theory was particularly important; I wanted to be able to justify to myself everything I did in the classroom and by College in London, doing a post-graduate certificate of education on top of her poli-tics and German degree from Bradford university. She wanted to follow the avample the end of the year, I could. "When I went to work at Potternewton primary school in Leeds. I was clear about what I was doing and why. If you ask all too many teachers why they are doing somewanted to follow the example of an inspirational teacher at her primary school in the Cumbrian town of Ulverston. and opted out of a promising career with BBC regional "The course was very well

why oney are doing some thing they say: because that's the way I do it." The downside of Gold-smith's was a failure to answer similar 'whys?' in some of the lectures, which could tend towards the wool

it all the time would be medi-ocre teachers (of whom needed and so on. To an out-sider it would have looked like chaos, but some very good maths went home that day." Ms McGorrigan is now had with the BCC memoral there's no shortage). "In the eyes of the public, it looks wonderfully organised. but actually it's a lot easier

for the teacher to stand at the front and tell the kids what to do, see the bright ones do it and then blame the others back with the BBC. promoted and earning £10,000 more than she did in the classroom. Not that she wanted to leave

The downside of Gold-smith's was a failure to answer similar 'whys?' in could tend towards the wool-ly, generalised and occasion-ally patronising. Mrs Shep-hard's emphasis on front-of-

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Government agrees to let dentists keep £16,500 fee overpayments

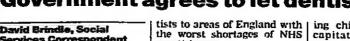
David Brindle, Social Services Corresponden

DENTISTS will be let off a claimed overpayment of fees of £16.500 a head under a deal announced yesterday which will end a four-year

for dentistry.

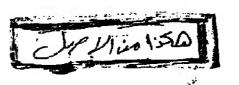
The profession's agreement came after ministers decided

tists to areas of England with the worst shortages of NHS practitioners. The concessions were an-nounced in the Commons by Gerald Malone. Health Minis-ter, which he described as "an exciting and challenging for dentistry." In the concession were an-nounced in the Commons by take a larger slice of the den-tat budget. The package also ter, which he described as "an exciting and challenging for dentistry." Itists have been refusing to propress the plot-testing of a "an exciting and challenging for dentistry." Itists have been refusing to propress the plot-testing of a "an exciting and challenging for dentistry." Itists to shortage areas follows for dentistry. Itists have been refusing to pay back any money. The scheme to attract den-tists to shortage areas follows to we must propress to reform adult den-tists to shortage areas follows to dentistry. Itists have been refusing to propress to reform adult den-tists to shortage areas follows to dentistry. Itists to a similar, successful initia-tiste of the dentistry. deal as "pathetic". Henry McLeish, shadow health mina similar, soccash a been tive in Wales which has been offering grants of £25,000 or \$50,000 to recruit practitio-ther privatisation of adult

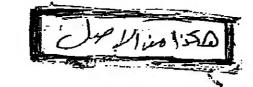


"an exciting and challenging new agenda for the profession and the NHS"

tists to shortage areas follows a similar, successful initia-tive in Wales which has been



dispute between the profes-sion and the Government. dispute between the profes-sion and the Government. Ministers are also offering 240,000 to try to attract den-tem-of-service izes for treat-came after ministers decided to waive the claimed £16,500 overpayment, which was notched up through the com-tion's general dental services tion's general dental services and the NHST. The privatisation of adult dentistry while retaining a residual service for children and people on benefits.



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Society told 'improve system' or risk losing right to regulate solicitors

Ombudsman lays down the law over complaints

Clare Dyer Legal Corre

HE Law Society must improve the way it handles complaints against solicitors or risk losing the right to regulate the profession, the Legal Service Ombudsman warned

Bureau (SCB) were "very disstance with complaints. satisfied" with the outcome. If the new body was to sat-This was "clear evidence isfy more complainants than something fundamental is the old, it would have to be wrong", said the ombudsman. He added: "If there is no im-provement in the level of dismore "consumer-friendly" to overcome doubts about its imsatisfaction. I'm sure in two or three years' time, the Government is ... going to take complaints handling away from the Law Society and set up an independent system with an ombudsman which solicitors almost certainly would still have to pay for." A new Office for the Super-vision of Solicitors, with

partiality. Solicitors would need to have effective inhouse complaints procedures, house complaints procedures, which many did not, even though they were mandatory under Law Society rules. He named four solicitors' firms which had refused to comply with his recommen-dation that they compensate clients for failing to provide an adequate service. He has no power to force them to pay. He criticised barristers for

He criticised barristers for living "a somewhat blinkered existence in a cloistered world of their own".

The new Bar complaints system, watered down to meet opposition from the criminal Bar, was "extremely disap-pointing". It differed from

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legalistic and defensive | recommendations by the Bar's review body in three important respects: barristers would be immune from com plaints over conduct of court cases, as they were immune from lawsuits; compensation would only be payable for financial loss up to £2,000, not for distress and incon-venience; and the service had to fall "significantly" below

what would be expected. This raised the question whether the system was "worth having". He had con-cluded a system which could provide financial redress, albeit very limited, was better than existing procedures. The SCB said it was making

efforts to change the culture of complaints handling. The new body "promises to recog-nise its duty to both solicitors and their clients and this means enabling the profes-sion to meet us halfway in delivering a better service.

Michael Barnes, whose office oversees complaints handling by the society and the Bar Council, said the society's latest shake-up of its complaints system could be more involvement of non-law-yers in overseeing complaints handling, and more emphasis on solicitors dealing with complaints in-house, will its last chance. "If further research in a few years' time shows that not much has changed, the pressure for a completely independent, onereplace the much-criticised stop complaints system is likely to become irresistible." SCB from September. Mr Barnes said the society needed to achieve a "culture The warning follows the society's research showing two out of three complainants to the Solicitors Complaints change" on the part of solici-tors, who tended to adopt a CASE 1 THE solicitors who drew up Mrs V's stepmother's will failed to get it witnessed prop-erly, so it was invalid. Mrs V

David Fairhall

to the Commons defence com-

lost a £57,480 inheritance. The solicitors. Winters of Hull, denied liability when she tried

to go ahead because her step-mother died more than 15 years after the will was drafted, the time limit for bringing such actions. The SCB refused to investi gate claiming it was a negli-

gence issue for the courts. The ombudsman recom mended in 1994 that Winters pay Mrs V £59,809 compens tion. It has still not paid. to sue them. She was unable

In court, he got far less than anticipated, and lost most in WR M, a passenger on the Marchioness when it sank on the Thames, claimed compensation. Liability was admitted and an out-of-court offer made, on condition that if he rejected it and got less in court he would pay all costs.

costs. It turned out his barrister had not appeared in court in a contested damages claim before. The Bar Council said this did not amount to professional misconduct. It added she had advised him to accept the offer. His solicitors disagreed, and the ombudsman told the council to reconsider.

Double act . . . News Bunny and Kenneth Kendall get together for cable station's first birthday PHOTOGRAPH NIPPA MATTHEY

Rabbiting on with a BBC veteran

'Friendly' L!ve TV gets round of applause from an old hand

Andrew Culf Media Correspondent

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ENNETH Kendail, the veteran BBC pre-senter, came out of retirement yesterday to read his first television news bulletin for 15 years - with a little help from News Bunny.

tion of News Bunny, a life-It was one of a series of size rabbit who interprets stunts marking the first news bulletins with thumbs birthday of Mirror Group's up and down gestures. Eva Live TV. run by Kelvin Bjertnes delivers the

MacKenzie. former editor of the Sun. Mirror Group has made a five-year, £30 million in-vestment in the cable

station which concentrates

on a tabloid television mix

tures all-male teams in Ly-

cra shorts. Live is based on the 24th floor of Canary Wharf, in Docklands, east London. It is available in 1.4 million homes with cable TV, and has audiences optimisti-cally estimated at more than 50,000. Mr MacKenzie said the

of cheap soaps, glamour, horoscopes, sport and sex. Headline-grabbing gim-micks included the invennext phase of its develop-ment was the establishment of a network of city TV stations. relaxed. Perhaps it was a Local versions of Live bit serious in our day." TV stations.

weather forecast in her na-tive Norwegian, ex-Page 3 model Gail McKenna pre-sents the sports news, and Lunchbox Volleyball fea-time forecast in her na-sents the sports news, and Lunchbox Volleyball fea-time forecast in her na-time forecast in her na-nodel Gail McKenna pre-sents the sports news, and Lunchbox Volleyball fea-time forecast in her na-time forecast in her na-time forecast in her na-sents the sports news, and Lunchbox Volleyball fea-time forecast in her na-time forecast in her pansion creating 200 jobs. Birmingham Live was launched eight months ago. "All we are is an electronic

form of local media. It is not rocket science," said Mr MacBenzie. Stalwarts of the BBC in 1955 — a single channel era — were invited to join in the day-long celebrations. Mr Kendall, aged 71, said of Live TV: "The atmosphere is very friendly and

Discarded nuclear hulks await building of underground dump

HE Royal Navy's dis carded nuclear submarines will lie rusting in Rosyth and Devonport dockyards at least until 2012, MPs have been warned. By then, Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, says, it will be possible to bury their con-taminated reactors in a permanent underground store. sioned boats until the underground dump proposed by Nirex at Sellafield, in Cum-Giving evidence yesterday

Six hulks are lying in the Rosyth dockyard basin ---

three former Polaris missile boats plus three hunter-killers — and four more hunterkillers are at Devonport,

When the nuclear-powered submarines are decommis-sioned, their uranium fuel rods are removed, allowing radioactivity in the reactor and its cooling system to decay — quite quickly for the first few years and then ex-tremely slowly. Only this contaminated section needs to be

bria, was ready. Until then memberment begins, the the they would remain afloat. doing the work.

The British nuclear dump referred to by Mr Portillo is for intermediate-level nuclear waste. A experimental "rock laboratory" will be excavated deep under the Cumbrian hills, and if it seems to be leakproof, planning permis-sion will be sought to develop it as a permanent store. How-ever Nirex, the company res-ponsible for disposing of nuclear waste, is not so optimistic as Mr Portillo about how long this much-delayed project will take. The earliest completion date

stored underground, and the earliest completion d longer it is left before dis- recently suggested is 2015.

Subs to be stored until 2012

mittee. Mr Portillo was asked by the Liberal Democrat de-fence spokesman, Menzies Campbell, whose constituency, Fife North East, is near Rosyth, for reassurance that the nuclear hulks would not be "stacked up" in the Scot-tish dockyard indefinitely. Mr Portillo said he understood local people's concern, but there were no plans to do anything with the decommis-

Plymouth.

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TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO MALAWI

The Petroleum Control Commission (PCC) of P.O Box 2827, Blantyre, Malawi wish to invite sealed TENDERS from eligible suppliers for the supply of white petroleum products - Mogas (Petrol), Automotive Gas Oil (Diesel) and Dual Purpose Kerosene (Jet A-1 and Paraffin) for 1996/97 as specified below:-

- 1. This invitation is open to all Oil Companies currently operating in Malawi, Oil Suppliers and registered Oil Trading Firms.
- 2. All Tenderers shall declare any association and/or affiliation with any companies or government entities in Malawi which are involved with the procurement, transportation or marketing of petroleum products.
- Tenders should be valid for 60 days starting from the 3. date fixed for receiving tenders. No tenders may be withdrawn for any reason between the deadline for submission of tenders and the expiration of the period of tender validity.
- The Tender should specify the sources of all products to 4. be supplied.
- The duration of the supply contract shall be 12 (twelve) 5. months from the date of commencement.
- 6. PCC does not undertake to award against this tender or to accept the lowest tender bid in any particular case. In addition, PCC reserves the right to award only part of the supply to any tender offered and will not assign any reason for the rejection of a tender.
- 7. Tenderers are required to provide all necessary information about their companies, with such information including, but not being limited to:-
 - : Annual reports for 1994 and 1995 for public companies.
 - : Major activities and customers for the last two years. : At least two first class international bank references.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF TENDERING

- The original and two copies of the tenders, which should be in the English Language, should be addressed to the General Manager of the Petroleum Control Commission, at the following address:-**Petroleum Control Commission 5th Floor, Umoyo House** Victoria Avenue P.O Box 2827 Blantyre MALAWI Telephone : 00 265 620 155 Telefax : 00 265 620 908 Telex: 44887 PETROL M1 so as to reach him, not later than 16.00 hours Malawi time on 28th June 1996
- The envelope addressed to the Petroleum Control 9. Commission, should bear the name of the tendering company, the words "TENDER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS" and the words "DO NOT OPEN BEFORE 01.07.96.)" Tenders received after the deadline will be rejected and returned unopened to the Tenderers.
- 10. All tender prices shall be quoted in United States Dollars per cubic metre on C.I.F and Ex-Tank basis, Beira, Nacala and Dar es Salaam Ports.

PRODUCTS QUANTITY

11. The tender is for the supply of products covering the period starting from September, 1996 and ending August, 1997, which are estimated as follows:-

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a. changes in demand of the products in Malawi, and b. prices offered.

PRODUCTS QUANTITY

- As per specifications in the tender document.
- 13. Tender documents may be obtained upon payment of a non-refundable deposit of United States Dollars 800.00 (Eight Hundred) from the General Manager, Petroleum Control Commission, P.O Box 2827, Blantyre, Malawi. All enquiries regarding the Tender Documents should be made in writing to the General Manager.
- 14. Members of the public may attend the opening of the tenders in the Boardroom of Petroleum Control Commission, 6th Floor, Umoyo House, Victoria Avenue, Blantyre, on 01.07.96, 15.00 hours, Malawi time.

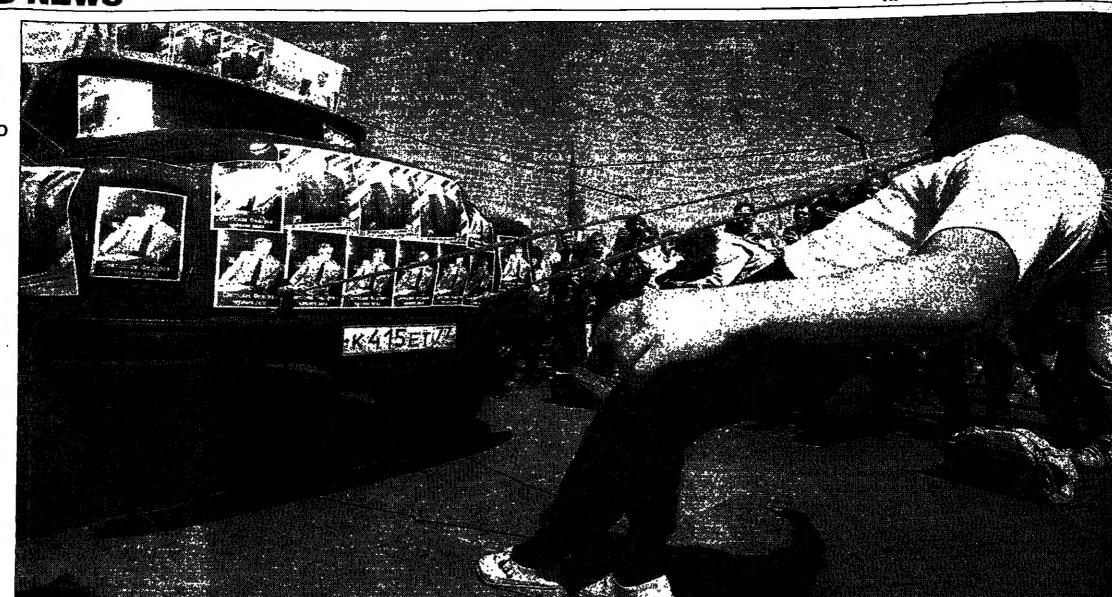
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As Russians prepare to go to the polls on Sunday, a bomb on the Moscow metro has added to a worsening climate of insecurity in which the president, Boris Yeltsin, claims that an extremist Communist faction wants to start a civil war, while his rivals say the president is seeking to destabilise an election he cannot win



Election mouthful ... A strong man uses his teeth to pull a five-ton truck plastered with posters of presidential candidate Svyatoslav Fyodorov outside Moscow's Gorky Park yesterday Photograph MSHA APARD

Rivals trade accusations Dealers cash in on poll fever

David Hearst in Moscow

IE main candidates in Russia's presidential election yesterday indulged in mutual recrimination, saying the bomb blast on a Moscow metro train was a political act of terror designed to destab-lise the ballot on Sunday. No one has claimed respon-

sibility for the bomb, but several groups stand to benefit from it. One such is a loyalist Chechen clan of fighters in-censed that Moscow's latest deal with Chechen separatists would marginalise the loyalist role in future elections

Another explanation is that rival groups of advisers in the Kremlin are embroiled in a power struggle with those preparing to do a deal with the Communists if the presi-dent. Boris Yeltsin, does badly in the first round. tainty and fear"

In turn, the Communists suspect the bomb was an offi-"The best response to the machinations of the extremcially sanctioned act of provoists will be a vote on June 16, cation. Similar incidents took a vote for civil peace, for sta-bility, for the future of Rusplace before the storming of the White House, the seat of parliament, in October 1993. The president and his min-Four people were killed and at least 11 were seriously inisters have repeatedly accused the Communists of

The Communists suspect the bomb

was a sanctioned act of provocation

jured, among them a girl aged four, when the bomb exploded under seats on an evening extremism, claiming that they are preparing to disrupt voting and set Russia on the train in a Moscow suburb on path to a civil war. Tuesday night. It was the worst act of polit-

evening — and where the train was, I consider the Mr Yeltsin's main rival, Gennady Zyuganov, the leader of the Communist ical violence in a campaign which has become increasexplosion was calculated to Party, said the bomb was one of several signs of "political lawlessness", of which the first was the launch of the create the maximum propa-ganda effect and the miniingly tense as polling day ap-proaches. Mr Yeltsin said the blast was aimed at creating mum of victims. If they had wanted to kill people, it would have gone off in the rush hour and in the centre of town." war in Chechenia. He de-"an atmosphere of uncercurity m

James Meek in Moscow

Viktor Iliyuchin, the Com-munist chairman of the parmunist chairman of the par-liamentary security commit-tee, said the bomb attack could be used by Mr Yeltsin as an excuse to "begin repres-sions against the opposition". According to the Federal Security Service, the device contained up to 500 grams of F YOU bought Boris Yeltsin cheap in April, you're laughing now. And Mikhail Gorbachev is on the rise. On Russia's frenzied financial markets, contained up to 500 grams of high explosive and had been every man has his price, es-pecially if he aspires to the highest office in the land.

detonated by a timing device. Mikhail Malutin, a passen-ger on the train when the bomb went off, said it ex-Proving they are every bit as inventive when it comes to exotic financial instruments as their coun-terparts on Wall Street or in the City, the steely-eyed young speculators of the Russian Stock Exchange ploded in a long tunnel, be-tween Tulskay and Nagornaya stations. "Taking in the account the time it went off — 9.15 in the

have created a new market — in presidential futures. The hotly-traded futures, changing hands at the rate of a billion roubles a day (£130,000), take the form of contracts predicting the

percentage of the vote a candidate will win in the

If the candidate gets more than the predicted percent-age, the holder of the contract wins 10.000 roubles per percentage point. If

per percentage point. If less, the broker loses. "I sold Yeltsin on the first day," said Valery Kozyrev, a broker aged 28, who was an assembly line worker at the Zil car plant in Moscow until two and a half years ago. "I sold him and imme-diately lost money. But the price was absurd. I should have bought him." Eight candidates are being traded, including the

being traded, including the billionaire wealth-flaunter Vladimir Bryntsalov, a long-shot who has been added to the list with a quo-tation of one-twentieth of

1 per cent of the vote. The market was launched on April 22 and presiden-

first round of the country's | tial futures will change | of the exchange, brokers in presidential election on | hands up to close of trading | slacks and T-shirts drifted Sunday. If the candidate gets more | last publicly-available indi-tomorrow, making it the | in and out through elec-tronic card-controlled turn-

cator of voter mood before the elections, since lastthe elections, since last-minute polls are banned. Although the lifestyles of the exchange brokers, who earn upwards of £1,300 a month, might seem far removed from the daily grind of Russia's impover-ished masses, Natalya Bel-kina, head of the exchange's research department, be-

research department, be-lieves the futures index is more accurate than opinion polls. "The pollsters aren't risking their own money," she said.

This week Yeltsin contracts were being opened at 33 per cant of the vote, slightly less than the latest polls, with Gennady Zyuganov on offer at 27.5 per cent, significantly more. In the cool, vaulted sp

stiles. With the main busi-ness of the day, dealing in finance ministry gilt fu-tures, out of the way, the talk turned to Russia's Euro 96 chances and presi-

dential form. Mr Kozyrev said he held 12 million roubles' worth of presidential contracts, some on behalf of clients and some for his own amusement. His most exotic are a bun-

dle predicting that Mr Gor-bachev will win an astounding 5 per cent of the vote, against the 1 per cent the pollsters predict. "I think I might lose on that, all the same." he said sheepishly. "Although I do

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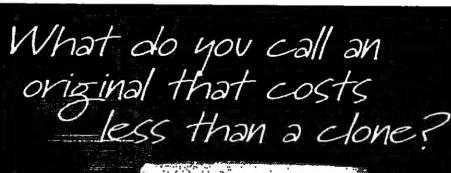
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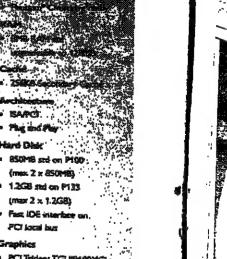
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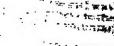
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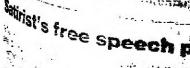
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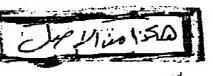


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World news in brief

Heatwave sparks riots near Paris

FRENCH riot police were on standby in two Paris outer suburbs yesterday after clashes between young people and police

Violence was centred for hours on high-rise estates in Corbell and nearby Grigny, south of Paris, until early yesterday morning, when riot police used tear gas and baton charges to disperse crowds. The trouble started when bored youngsters on

disperse crowds. The trouble started when bored youngsters on the Tarterets estate at Corbeil set fire to a car and stoned firefighters who rushed to the scene. At Grigny, gangs set fire to cars, broke shop windows and set a building alight. An explosion of summer violence in poor areas had been expected because of the heatwave, and police are on permanent alert in many suburbs around industrial cities. Last year. clashes became a regular weekend feature on many rundown estates, some sparked by a film, La Haine, depicting hared between young people and the police.

between young people and the police. The government is preparing plans to combat high unem-ployment zones, after President Jacques Chirac's visit to the Scottish outer suburb of Easterbouse. — Paul Webster, Paris.

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BANGLADESHIS voted in large numbers yesterday in the coun-try's second parliamentary election in four months, but polling was marred by scattered violence in which at least three people was marred by scattered violence in which at least three people were killed and more than 150 injured. Witnesses and poll officials estimated the turnout at more than 70 per cent of the 56 million registered voters. After a peaceful start, fighting between activists broke out in the afternoon despite the tight security imposed by 440.000 sol-diers and security personnel

diers and security personnel. But the chief election commissioner. Abu Hena, said voting had been peaceful and fair, and a senior police officar described the incidents of violence as "fewer than feared".

Poll officials said voting was suspended in more than 50 centres, but the figure could go up when reports from remote areas arrive. Final results are expected by tomorrow. - Reuter, Dhaka

US 'breaks' Mafia bosses

UNITED STATES federal prosecutors claimed to have broken the UNITED STATES federal prosecutors claimed to have broken the leadership of the most powerful mob family in the US when they announced yesterday that 19 members of the Genovese Mafia had been indicted for crimes ranging from murder to racketeering. Officials said the 60-count indictment could virtually eliminate the New York City power base of the family, considered the most sophisticated and elusive Mafia clan in the country. Three of those arrested were described as leaders. Since 1980, the indictment said, the family had earned more than \$20 million from "traditional mob activities". But the family

than \$20 million from "traditional mob activities". But the family also profited. New York prosecutors said, from the Feast of San Gennaro, one of New York's most popular street festivals. "The Genovese crime family even used the facade of a religious

festival to mask the object of their true devotion, which is the almighty dollar," said James Kallstrom, assistant director of the FBI's office. — New York Times, New York.

Judges block Internet law

FEDERAL judges in the United States yesterday blocked enforcement of a new law barring "indecent" material on the Internet, saying the worldwide computer network was protected in the US

by the First Amendment guaranteeing free speech. A three-judge panel granted a preliminary injunction against the Communications Decency Act while two lawsuits pass through the court system.

The case was brought by 57 groups including the American Library Association, and the government has promised to appeal to the supreme court." — AP, Philadelphia.

Divorcee dynamites court

A MAN giving evidence at his own divorce hearing in Sweden vesterday blew himself up with a stick of dynamite, wounding his lawyer and three other people in the crowded courtroom, police



Debris of war . . . Sarajevans continued their clean up yesterday as Nato tensions mounted over the links between US intelligence and the Bosnian government

Secrets and lies in Bosnia

Julian Borger reports from Sarajevo on claims that the US has been giving classified information to Bosnia, while Ed Vulliamy witnesses a gripping confrontation at the Hague war crimes trial

NTELLIGENCE gathering has become a source of div-ision among the Nato allies **US may lend** in the Bosnian peacekeeping force (I-For) as British and French contingents fear that United States co-operation troops again

THE United States de-fence secretary, William Perry, said yesterday be with the Sarajevo government threatens to compromise their mission. would recommend sending In the most damaging recent incident, European American troops to Bosnia again next year if Nato demilitary intelligence services cides to deploy a new ground force to prevent a renewal of conflict there. discovered the state depart-

ment had given the Sarajevo authorities information about Mr Perry stressed that no Iranian covert operations such decision had been which had been gathered in a made, but warned that Nato would not let its expensive peace-brokering efforts go Last month John Korn-

blum, the US special envoy to the Balkans, gave a list of 10 to waste. "If they make that decision [to send forces], it August 1992

HE first eyewitness called to testify against the alleged Bosnian Serb war

criminal Dusko Tadic took the stand at tribunal in The Hague yesterday, on a face-to-face confrontation with the accused.

It was an electrifying moment as Dr Azra Blazevic entered the courtroom, aimed a forthright stare at Mr Tadic, who in turn met her gaze, blinked, and then lowered his eyes towards his desk.

According to the prosecu-tion, these two people last met when Mr Tadic was ushering her and others into the Trnopolje concentration camp, un-covered by the Guardian in

dic's role in the ferocious sub-Dr Blazevic was a vet in the jugation of Kozarac. looked flushed as he studied is http://www.icrc.org. Bosnian town of Kozarac, and

cafe 200 yards from her house and practice. When the Guardian found

the camp, she and an imprisoned doctor who helped her tend sick detainees passed over an undeveloped role of film which, when processed, revealed savage beatings dealt out to prisoners in the camp, who had come to her paltry medical facility for treatment

The still photographs and ITN video tape of Dr Blazevic in Trnopolje have been shown in open court and will be produced again today, with the doctor due to describe Mr Ta-

mainly Muslim town between the morning of Sunday, May 24, 1992 and the following Tuesday. She told the tribu-

to aid the wounded in a meditures she identified were still cal centre, and then a motel, after the centre had been deintact, including Mr Tadic's cafe. The International Commit-

Dr Blazevic, a slight figure with a shock of dark hair and tee of the Red Cross took space on the Internet vesterday in an appeal for clues which could help its search dressed in black, looked many versee in black, looked maby years older than her age -- 36 -- as she began her evidence with a composure neverthe-less charged with emotion, just a few yards from the defendant. for more than 12,000 people still missing from the Bos-nian war. Internet users can now gain access to the ICRC missing persons database and his send in information on the

had, she said, seen Mr Tadic | ing description of how Ser- | the witness, and video moni-"maybe every day, or even a | bian artillery unleashed a | tors showing the streets of few times a day", as he kept a | relentless barrage against the | Kozarac with almost every house gutted by shellfire. A shiver crossed the court-room as the doctor picked out

certain buildings near her nal how, along with local doc-tors and nurses, she had tried former home, including the charred mosque. A few struc-

and court officials said.

"He just stood up and pulled something out of his pocket, quite calmly," said a court attendant in the small town of Eskilstuna. west of Stockholm. "Suddenly there was an explosion, very loud in the courtroom. He and the woman lawyer next to him just collapsed. Everyone was screaming. It was chaos, madness." Other witnesses said the man appeared to wave a stick of dynamite at his ex-wife, shouting something that was drowned in the blast, in which he died instantly.

A police spokeswoman said: "The bomb may have gone off earlier than he expected . . . All we know for sure is he must have been very upset by his divorce." — Jon Henley, Helsinki.





Homeward bound ... A Vietnamese girl waves goodbye from the bus taking her and 200 others to the airport in Palawan, south-west of Manila, for voluntary repatriation

Satirist's free speech plea

A MOROCCAN political satirist, Ahmed Sanoussi or Bziz, perhaps Morocco's most censored artist, yesterday appealed for international help to lift a government ban on his work "The authorities do not want to understand that satire is a part

of freedom of expression and a basic human right," Bziz, aged 41, said. He said he was beaten by police last week while trying to perform in support of jobless graduates in Rabat.

The artist spoke at a news conference of the Moroccan Human Rights Association, attended by dozens of writers, artists, former political detainees and human rights activists. -- Reuter, Rabat.

Man bites dog - fatally

A MAN in Oregon was sentenced to 18 months in prison for ramming a police car with his pickup truck, throwing a knife at officers and biting a police dog on its nose. The dog, named Romie died from a structure intertion three graphs later Ronnie. died from a streptococcus infection three weeks later. Police believe the bite was to blame.

Arnim John Kudinow bit the Dutch malinois after a 17-mile chase last December, when a petrol pump attendant reported that the driver appeared drunk. When the dog tried to bite his forearm, Kudinow grabbed Ronnie by his neck and bit his nose. police said

Rudinow was also ordered to pay \$594 (£386) in damages and undergo anger-control counselling. - AP. Oregon City.

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suspected Iranian agents to the Bosnian authorities and would be my recommendarequested their deportation. tion that the United States

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"Basically, the state depart-ment filched the information participate in any force that is so designated, inand gave it away to the Bosnicluding ground troops, inans," said a British I-For offi-cer. "It caused a certain cluding whatever is deter-mined," he said. - Reuter. amount of consternation

The European intelligence services had wanted to stage a territory near the river port of Zvornik, heard gunfire and series of dramatic raids on suspected Iranian training camps, similar to a highly-publicised swoop on an al-leged camp hear the town of grenade explosions from a nearby hill. Immediately afterwards, seven men ran towards the platoon and put themselves at its mercy, saying they were Muslims fles-ing Serb patrols. The American military Foinica in February. The raids would have been aimed at highlighting Bos-

police major who arrived on nian non-compliance with the Dayton peace accord, which stipulates the total withthe scene soon afterwards handed them over to the Serb drawal of foreign forces. This would have had the effect of police, on the grounds that the Muslims constituted an ildiminishing political preslegal armed group. sure on I-For to take a more

European officers in Saraaggressive posture against the Bosnian Serbs and, in par-ticular, to arrest the separatjevo say there was near-panic in the US military headquar-ters in Tuzla when commandist leaders, Radovan Karadzic ers learned of the incident. and General Ratko Mladic.

The group claimed to be from the former Muslim en-The US government, on the clave of Srebrenica. They told the United Nations that they other hand, is understood to be anxious to play down the Iranian role, at a time when hid in the woods of eastern Bosnia for more than nine months after Serb forces overran the enclave and slaugh-tered thousands of men. The allies suspect

However, the men - now eight after a subsequent arrest by Bosnian Serb police looked better groomed and fed than would have been expected. Two in particular were fit and wore some form of uniform. Their pistols also

Congress is increasingly sceptical about plans to arm and train the Bosnian army. The appeared in good condition. Bosnian military intelligence Bosnian programme has been also seemed well-informed about the group. A confidential Nato intelliheld up until all military

trainers from Islamic gence assessment in Sarajevo concluded: "This suggests countries have left. A Sarajevo government official confirmed that a list of that what is under way is a names had been handed over by Mr Kornblum, but said he co-ordinated high-level effort to cover up an ABIH [Bosnian army] covert operation that was not aware of any action went wrong." having been taken.

European officers believe senior officers in the US sector "The people on the list were not serious - one was the Iranian ambassador's driver had approved the operation - and we told them this," said the official. "It was part without the knowledge of the Europeans or lower-ranking of a more far-reaching opera-US field officers. They also say the US milition by the Europeans. They tried a couple of raids after tary in Tuzla give the impres sion of knowing far more about the incident than they Fojnica, but they were failures. So they wanted a

were prepared to share with success.' The row over the Iranian their allies. list has crowned a mounting The evidence for a conspirsense among European staff acy appears largely based on in the Nato ARRC (Allied such impressions, and the fact that these theories circu-Command Europe Rapid late in ARRC Sarajevo head-Reaction Corps) headquarters

in Sarajevo that the US quarters perhaps says much agenda in Bosnia is over-whelming the "team spirit". The Europeans also suspect about the mutual distrust. A non-US intelligence officer said: "I came here with a very naive view that we were all on one team. I wasn't really aware how much the northern Bosnia — in contra-vention of the Dayton pact. national agendas would come into play.

On May 10, a US artillery Jonathan Steele, page 9 platoon, training on Serb-held

Mr Tadic usual nonchalance and disappearances. The web-site

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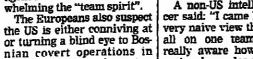
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Stopping Bosnia's war

Unfinished Balkan business back on the table

empty? Six months after the warring and rigging. Bosnia's democracy, offi-parties were bulldozed into signing the cials concede helpfully, will be a rough Dayton agreement, the governments and international organisations trying to shore up a shaky Balkan peace have no simple answers. Today's Dayton "mid-term review" conference in Florence will accentuate the positive. From the World Bank to Carl Bildt the public message will be a dual one: things are going quite well under the circumstances; and don't expect too much.

There is good news on the military side of Dayton. The Nato-led peace implementation force — Ifor — has done what it set out to, ensuring that a ceasefire has held, sieges end and three enemy armies stay in their barracks and suffering no losses itself. No mean achievement, certainly, but that was always going to be the easy bit.

On Dayton's harder, civilian, parts assessments are much more grim: very few refugees or displaced persons have been able to return to their homes; most have been blocked by local authorities determined to enforce ethnic segregation. At best some 50,000 of over 2 million, people have gone back. In both the Muslim-Croat Federation

and the Republika Srpska, little progress has been made on securing media access and freedoms, vital if free and fair elections - to provide the country with democratic institutions in which its three constituent peoples will cooperate - are to be held on schedule. Whatever else it does, Florence will choose September 14 as election day ---the last moment allowed by Dayton. The US firmly opposes postponement for this is central to its own hectic timetable of withdrawal by year's end.

Britain and Europe, happy finally to have the transatlantic ructions of previous years behind them, accept this, but are carefully lowering expectations about what is "realistic" as indepen-

IS BOSNIA'S glass half full or half | dent monitors bluntly predict chaos and ready one.

Western spin doctors are addressing another difficult point: the glowering presence of Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb civilian and military leaders facing war crimes charges. Robust talk about seeing them off has not been matched by successful political or military action. Discreet diplomats are talking about the dangers of "mission creep," or casualties, not a chance of glory for the SAS. Slobodan Milosevic, the West's flexi-ble friend in Belgrade, has failed to

deliver his erstwhile protegeés. Milosevic told Warren Christopher, the US secretary of state, that if 60,000 Nato soldiers couldn't get them he certainly couldn't. Disingenuous, sure, from the man who set Bosnia ablaze, but fair comment, say those who call it an outrage that these men are still at large.

Yet this is about politics and economics as well as morality: Karadzic and Mladic are banned by Dayton from standing for election, but they will encourage fellow Serb extremists to dig in behind the brutal reality of ethnic partition. Desperately-needed physical and economic reconstruction will be held up too. Florence will not solve the thorny question of what happens after Ifor, though signs are multiplying that Washington will look again at its own troop contribution if Bill Clinton is reelected in November. But what these forces do matters far more than how long they stay.

Bosnia has long gone off our TV screens and Florence may look like another conference where a confused world tries to contain a conflict it is not bold enough to halt. Yet this review should be a useful reminder that stopping a war and building a lasting peace are not the same things.

Unionists step into a new world

For all the hassle, they gave the talks a principled start



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Letters to the Editor Major's ill-judged gay encounter No safety in jobs number

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Executive director,

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Stonewall

ORE bigotry emerges from the latest round of National Lottery grants (PM blunders with Lotgrants (PM blunders with Lot-tery grants jibe, July 12). It seems that gays, lesbians, prostitutes and foreign na-tionals under threat of depor-tation are not worthy of char-itable funds. Surely charitable funding should be about helping disadvantaged groups in society, including minority groups and those minority groups and those driven by poverty into activi-ties such as prostitution. Charities working with these groups have a difficult time fundraising and the Lottery should be applauded for rewarding them for the valuable role they play in a civi-lised society. It is surely only a matter of time before questions are asked about the "ill-judged" grants made to charities, like

ours, which are working with people with drug and alcohol problems. We, too, have just received a much-needed grant and I remember the furore over similar grants made in the last round. Let us move away from this divisive and offensive notion of the "deserving" and the

anti-deportation appeals, prostitution and gay/lesbian rights are "out of kilter" with the feeling of the general pub-lic. In my view these are the and gays aged under 18 had been queerbashed. The Prime Minister singled out organisaonly groups deserving of National Lottery cash. All the other so-called good causes should be properly resourced from national taxation. The National Lottery Chari ties Board is a substitute for a well-regulated and fair taxation system. It takes money

from those people least able to afford it, to subsidise those areas of public life which are rightly the province of public funding. Alex Falconer MEP. 25 Church Street, Inverkeitbing. Fife KY11 1LH.

ESBIANS and gay men know a general election is in the offing when cheapskate politicians start attacking the

funding of leshian and gay community projects. We thought that John Major was above using such low tactics. To suggest that lesbian and gay charities in particular do not deserve any form of Lotof the "deserving" which plays "underserving" which plays tery funding is indefensible. also citizens and taxpayers.

We too play the Lottery, so it

is also our money that is being distributed. The grants

VIDENTLY awards to | ing that one in three gay men | stitutions, but don't get in-charities dealing with | and lesbians had been queer. | volved in real people's lives. Bryan James. 8 Madras Place, London N7 8LU.

> BRIXTON John, the (class-less society) Prime Minis-ter, attacks as "ill-founded tions like Galop, which works with victims of queerbashing, and others which provide serand ill-judged" projects set up and professionally run by the lesbian and gay community, projects which are desper-ately needed by the next gen-eration. vices to young gay people, as being unworthy of Lottery This strongly suggests that the Prime Minister does not

> see lesbians and gay men as a Of course, the Tories don't part of society, and indeed is willing to condone bigotry and prejudice for narrow po-litical gain. Angela Mason. risk any attack from Labour on this one. It can only be a matter of days before Jack Staw or Jack Cunningham (the heroes of the "Clause 28" struggle) will propose a cur-few for young lesbians and gay men, as a kind of protec-tive self-custody. And the accompanying silence from les-bian and gay Labour MPs will

THE Government's appar-ent phobia about prosti-tutes and gays shows how out not surprise us either. Robert O'Neill Crossman. of touch they are with normal Highgate House, London SE26.

know a gay man or lesbian possibly as a member of our family, possibly ourselves or our MP (Chris Smith, in my HAD not realised just how out of touch with its people the Government is. As a case). So what's the problem? What makes this all hard to transsexual I can assure you that the gay community spends a lot of money on the swallow is the £6 million paid

TAKE issue with Chief Sec-I retary to the Treasury Wil-liam Waldegrave's comments on job insecurity (Fears for job security 'unfounded'. June 12). Job insecurity arises not only from the higher chances of someone losing their job, with one in four of the working population having experienced some spell of unemployment since John Major became Prime Minister. It arlses, too, from the fear of what will happen if

they do lose their job. For all its claims on job gen-eration, the Government has not succeeded in reducing the time someone unemployed is likely to remain without work. Indeed, this is up by 50 per cent in the past five years. What's more, as the Labour Force and General Household surveys show, people who lose their jobs often have to take a pay cut of over 20 per cent to get a new job, which is more likely than not to be part-time, temporary or both. This explains why job insecurity is not, as Mr Waldegrave claims, "exaggerated", or, as the President of the Board of Trade suppos state of mind". Especially for those 10.5 million people who

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what talks? To anyone not well versed in Northern Ireland, events at Stormont must seem as discouraging as they are baffling. Yet do not take the slanging sessions at face value. Anyone who imagined that there could be progress without movement from some of the unionist parties was deluding themselves. Meanwhile down in the forest of Ulster politics, something important could be stirring, as unionism takes the first brave steps into a new political world. That noise you hear may even be the permanost of 20th century Ulster beginning to break.

On one reading, Tuesday night's wrangling session over George Mitchell's role in the talks was a reassertion of all the worst manifestations of unionist rejectionism. Listening to Ian Paisley's disgraceful abuse, it is easy to believe that this is not the 1990s but the 1690s. If an ephemeral matter like the chairmanship can provoke such posturing, what chance is there of agreeing something important, like the relationship between the two parts of Ireland? There is a more optimistic version. We could be witnessing one of the necessary steps in the process - the calling of Paisley's bluff. The Democratic Unionist leader has always represented a threat to the peace process, for

the simple reason that he wants none of it. He speaks for many people, as Northern Ireland elections always show. But It would be churlish not to recognise not for enough people any longer. The | the principled start which many of May 30 elections gave him his rejection- | them have made this week.

PROGRESS - what progress? Talks - | ist mandate, which should not be underestimated. But it should not be overestimated either. Fewer than one voter in five endorsed his party, and Mr Paisley was rejected by a big majority of the unionist electorate. The DUP has stayed stuck, while much of the rest of unionism has begun to move on.

Such progress as has been made at Stormont has been the work of David Trimhle's Ulster Unionists and of the fringe parties which speak for the loyalist paramilitaries. Mr Trimble had legitimate concerns about the powers which the British and Irish governments (who often try to stitch things up without taking account of the people of Northern Ireland) were conferring on the talks chairman. But the UUP leader was right to want to do a deal over Mr Mitchell, and was right to be more concerned with the chairman's powers than with his identity. David Ervine of the PUP was also right to stress yesterday that things have got to move on.

This is not to be naive about the sticking points. Yet it is important to remember that if the DUP, or Dr O'Brien of the UKUP, or Terry Dicks MP, or the reactionary Anglo-unionists who write editorials for the right-wing London press, had had their way, then there would have been no peace process at all. An alternative future for Northern Ireland demands change on all sides, among unionists not least of all.

The Lottery is not a political pawn

Ministers look very foolish attacking vulnerable charities

THE PROTEST could not have been more | blunder had already been exposed with confected. It was badly planned, poorly executed and ended, deservedly, with egg all over the protesters' faces. On only the second round of the distribution of National Lottery Charities Board money, ministers moved ruthlessly to criticise the board on Tuesday. The Prime Minister spoke of a small number of "ill-founded and ill-judged awards". His spin doctors later revealed there were four — four on a day when 2,229 charities received £159 million. What was going on? Even the Lottery's chief cheer-leader, Virginia Bottomley, turned bossy boots declaring she would insist on vetting any controversial grants in future. Later yesterday Mrs Bottomley's National Heritage department was forced to correct their minister explaining she did not have the power to veto any award and could only ask the board to look

two of the four criticised projects already shown to be receiving government funds - and a third regularly consulted by the metropolitan police.

The ministerial protests were a cynical exercise to divert media attention from a backbench Tory revolt on the Euro referendum. It succeeded to the extent of pushing the Euro story off most tabloid front pages which ran with "Major's Fury"at "Lott a Waste". But at what a price? A prime minister who once claimed he wanted to create a classless society showed himself ready to attack even the most vulnerable minority charities - two gay, one im-migrant and one helping prostitutes for narrow party advantage. Ministers did not just look foolish yesterday but cheap. The charity board, once again, emerged robust and independent. Rightly grants are based on purpose again. By then the Prime Minister's and competence, not public popularity.

racist and the homophobic. Who will be next - single parent families? Peter Martin. Chief executive APA Community Drug and Alcohol Initiatives. 67-69 Cowcross Street London ECIM 6BP.

Dirty tricks

/OUR article on the BA I American alliance (BA deal may deliver £100 fares to US, June 12) quoted several analysts who suggested that the result of two dominant monopolists getting together to create a transatlantic monopoly might be lower fares of £100. Such nonsense beggars belief. It was interesting that US analysis rightly predicted that fares will rise as a result of this deal. Certainly if prices didn't rise as a result of increased monopoly power. it would be the first time in the history of capitalism. Adam Smith summed up the current situation over 200 years ago: "People of the same trade seldom meet together, even for merriment and diversion, but that the conversa-

tion ends in a conspiracy against the public or the contrivance to raise prices." Let us hope that the Govern ment acts quickly to stamp out the most anti-competitive airline deal since the war. Richard Branson. Virgin Management Ltd. 120 Campden Hill Road, London W8 7AR.

YOU are right to call for police powers to "tap, bug and burgle" to be made the subject of independent judi-cial control (MIS bugging needs control, June 10), as such fundamental powers should be used only with the authority of a circuit judge.

authority of a circuit judge. The large increase in the number of telephone taps authorised by the Home Sec-retary, and the fact that not a single complaint has been up-held by any of the tribunals which oversee MIS MIG and which oversee MI5, MI6 and GCHQ, demonstrate that the current systems are indadequate. The Security Service Bill, being debated in the Lords, will give MI5 powers of investigation into "serious crime" which includes "conduct by a large number of per-sons in pursuit of a common purpose". People protesting peacefully could become the subject of M15 warrants, even if their only crime is to ob-struct the highway. Philip Leach. Legal officer, Liberty. 21 Tabard Street, London SEI 4LA.

A few more reforms for Mr Birt BEFORE correspondents drown in a sea of tears as Radios 4 and 5. At least in this way we could all keep up to

they contemplate the demise date with The Archers. of the BBC World Service Frank Barrett. (Letters, June 12), can I sug-Meriden Cottage abroad I always take my short-wave radio — but in-Weston Road, Bath BA1 2XZ. F THE decision to create one directorate at the BBC for

creasingly I wonder why. both TV and radio was based on the premise that they differ only in their "delivery sys-The World Service has ef-fectively abandoned all coverage of Britain. Its managers tems", then we would urge have decided that since listen-John Birt to reconsider, beers of British origin now accause the premise is false. count for less than 10 per cent of the total, news has to be Without a separate directorate that has as its special remit the high standards and devel-opment of radio, the focus at "world" news. You want con-tinuous live commentaries of Five Nations rugby or Second Division soccer scores? For-

get it. Its sports news now prefers to give you US base-ball results or reports on Middle East tennis.

Why not shut down the ex-isting World Service? In its Radio 4 Watch UK. c/o 32a Fairthorn Road. short-wave place, the BBC c/o 32a Fairthorn could broadcast a mixture of London SE7 7RL.

Accentuating the positive

OW familiar is Julian Borger with the situation better? Do you care enough t to more than sensationalise? of children and adults with mental handicap in Bulgaria (Sofia's asylums of death, May 22)? We feel deeply of-fended by his article, and are People in Bulgaria recog-nise the problems. If you do care to look, there is good work being done. Many positive things have been achieved in a relatively short disappointed that you chose to use shock-horror tactics for period. You should focus on what is being done to enable the sake of a story. What do you think the con-sequences will be? Do you be-lieve you have helped the situchange, not on the deficits. We are trying to create posi-tive images, to give value and

ation? There are many British volunteers working in Bul-garia. How will their work be supported by the Bulgarian government now? Well done respect to all people with a disability. Deborah Benfield. Rachael Harvey. EU Project for Mentally for getting Angel Volvoda Handicapped Persons Blvd Macedonia N22 Ap 6, closed! Where are the people now? Is their situation any Sofia 1606 22, Bulgaria

Churchill's notes about the ning, when the results are anwar. You don't have to be a nounced, the pub is brought to silence. I also know several cynic to think that this is the being distributed. The grants in question amount to 0.17 per cent of the £159 million total. Last month Stonewall pub-lished a national survey on the grant that appeals to the establishment — along with "good causes" like the Royal Opera House. Seems it's OK to write a blank prostitutes, many of whom (besides their drug habits) have a gambling addiction. Catrina Day. Willingdon Drive, Manchester M25. homophobic violence show- cheque for "respectable" in-

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HAVE recently been unsuc cessful in an attempt to get a court order in favour of my first wife reduced. I have been obliged to pay her costs. I em-ployed a firm of solicitors based in Farnborough. Hampshire, whose fees amounted to £4,000. My ex-wife of 30 years ago employed a firm of Lon-don-based solicitors. Their costs amounted to £21,000. reduced by them to more than £18.000.

Is it reasonable that Lon-don-based firms should charge so outrageously? Sir Julian Critchley. House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

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A Country Diary

-----STRATHDEARN: Taking | came out from the shelter of nine of the older pupils from Farr Primary School on a "wildlife drive" was daunting to say the least, but it turned species; they looked very dark compared with the red out to be very enjoyable and I was surprised just how much deer. On the way back we they knew about the country-side and its wildlife. For exstopped to look at a dipper's nest under a bridge over ample I was told it was a burn, and I had forgotten just mountain hare even as the how excited youngsters can get despite the fact that we did not see the dipper itself. animal sat and posed for us before lolloping off and showwere compared with the front pair. The red deer stags were so close to the vehicle that the Yes, the pupils knew all about the burning of strips of heather for the red grouse and they knew the bird was a buzzard as it drifted along the edge of a wood. I had left two velvet on the antlers was clearly visible and two of them rose on their back legs and boxed — much to the delight of the pupils, who all eadd it was the closest than antiers at the school for the pupils to look at and discuss when we returned, one the short antier of a roe deer and said it was the closest they had ever been to red deer. The wild goats were in two widely short anuer of a roe deer and the other a cast red deer ant-ler I had picked up in the strath earlier this year. I left each pupil with a large black and white photograph of a red deer star partic to remind separated groups, with the nannies and their delightful kids in one part of the strath whilst further cast were the deer stag, partly to remind them of the day and partly because I had enjoyed myself estimated at eight-years old by counting the annual so much. I'm glad to say that growth rings on its horns. As the drive will become an the rain stopped a party of annual event. sika deer, hinds and calves, RAY COLLIER

ment in the past five years, job insecurity is an all too pressing reality. It demands the action on skills, invest-ment and welfare-to-work which the Labour Party has proposed. Andrew Smith MP. Shadow Chief Secretary

to the Treasury. House of Commons London SW1A 0AA.

WILLIAM Waldegrave claims that "big government not only destroys freedom — it destroys jobs". Most on the left would now agree that it is better to create social cohesion from the bottom up rather than the top down. Yet by most accepted measures, the size of the state has actually grown during Mr Waldegrave's time in govern-ment, to a point where it now spends 42 per cent of GDP.

I am sure he has read his Adam Smith and would accept that such a high level of government spending is likely to squeeze out enter-prise and job creation rather than enhance it. It is there-fore strange for him to claim that his government has cre-ated a lot of very well paid jobs for us lucky citizens. Ian Corfield. Head of research, The Fahian Society. 11 Dartmouth Street, London SW1H 9BN.

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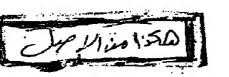
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management level within the BBC shall inevitably become blurred and weakened, with predictable implications for unding and production quality. Rachel Mawhood

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reeling from a dis-tressing first-band experience of the new, deregulated job market that has resulted in distinctly un-Fabian feuding down in SW1. As a result, the beirs of Shaw and the Webbs were in turmoil yesterday with their treasurer having resigned and their top job vacant. For those who still imagine the Fabians to be a collection of agreeably easy-going gauchiste types msallied by the vulgarities of modern life, here is the illusion-shattering story to date: they need a new general secretary; they offer the post at £30,000 a year; the front-runner is the act-ing GS, Glenys Thornton. Treasurer Nick Butler, a big-wig at oil giant BP and Labour man of 30 years' standing, deadlocks the society by objecting to her appointment and suggests re-advertising the job at a more market-friendly £35,000. The Fabians agree, and promptly find they have a new candidate, Rosalind Hughes, of the Blairite Institute for Public Policy Research, alias Mrs N Butler. Big. big fuss, and Mr Butler resigns on Tuesday night. Enter Rotherham Labour MP Denis Mac-Shane yesterday, who clearly thinks the Fabians are not exactly overloaded with successful business ex-ecutives: "Nick Butler is an outstanding member of the Fabian Society and I have written to him today asking him to reconsider his decision because I don't think his position should be connected to the appointment of a new general secretary.

LSEWHERE, reports of off-daty drinking by members of Terry Venables's England "team" may be the best news sup-porters of the national side have beard in years. A time-trip back to the golden age of English football courtesy This One's On Me, Jimmy reaves's soccer memoir (1979: Arthur Barker), makes it clear the 1966 squad practically floated to their victory over Germany on a sea of booze. Alf Ramsay? "[He] could shift a drink or two. . . I have had several long sessions with him after matches when he has let himself go and really given the gin and tonics a good hiding." Bobby Moore? "I would have to put him pretty high in the table of international drinkers." Gordon Banks? Ray Wilson? "We stopped off at a favourite drinking oasis

Prepare for surrender after Florence

Commentary Hugo Young

.................. ALCOLM RIFKIND yesterday began

preparing the retreat before Florhad adopted in sorrow rather than anger. As a result, the poisonous row should last only "another week or so". Normalisation, in other words, beckoned. You could see how passionately the For-eign Secretary wished it to return. He looked white with an orbustion that was supply ence. Whether it will be ac-complished without blood-Major, like Napoleon before Moscow, has had forced upon him. There are scornful words one might use about this un-dignified exercise. Some have an exhaustion that was surely moral as much as physical. Mr Rifkind is a barrister with appeared here already. The attack should never have been an uncommonly swift facility launched in the first place. launched in the first place. The issue, revolving round the purity of British beef, is one where the Government's belligerence is in inverse pro-portion to the justice of its cause. Nonetheless, the Prime Minister and Foreign Secre-tary have had courses as well for eluding tight forensic cor-ners. When occasion requires, as it often has over beef, there's nobody better equipped to apply a smirking lawyer's condescension to any suggestion that the Government doesn't know what it's doing. There was precious littary have had courage as well as retreat forced upon them. I hope they don't end up cut to tle smirking and only a modi-

cum of condescension yester-day. The improbable extremity of the case Mr Rifkind has had to make is pieces. Mr Rifkind's chosen plat-form was a hearing of the Select Committee on Foreign getting to him. The strategy, Affairs. As a result of his recent charm offensive, he told the MPs, the atmosphere in Europe was "totally differhe did not hesitate to agree, was "desperately high-risk". He can't wait to be shot of it.

ent". The partners were at last "trying to find solutions not problems". The Commis- "not the slightest evidence" said with grand incaution, "not the slightest evidence" that our beef strategy was sion was now talking confidently about a framework having any effect on other agreement through which the matters in the EU where we bans on British beef, and the had an interest. Nor, he ashad an interest. Nor, he as-serted, were relations with British bans on EU co-operation, would be progressively non-EU countries, such as the lifted. something unimagin-able 10 days ago. None of this would have happened, be inwould have happened, he in-sisted, without the strong-arm tactics which, by the way, we had adopted in sorrow rather than anger. As a result, the poisonous row should last only "another week or so". Normalisation, in other words, beckoned. You could See how passionately the Formality were more piquant and more believable, but they carried the same message. Most telling is the Conservative Government's re-bonding with the European Commis sion. The Commission, from being the unelected demon be-hind all those famous interferences in the nooks and crannies of British life, now turns out to be Britain's sturdy ally, Mr Rifkind called It in aid a dozen times. Other govern-ments, with their responsive-ness to markets and public opinion ("hysteria") rather than science, were the prob-lem, not the Commission. The very fact that the Commission was not elected, he trium-phantly concluded, was what made its science sound and its approach objective: a manda-rin perspective, offered with

irony, to stuff down the throat of William Cash. The FCO is getting back in business. When that possibility was put to him yesterday by a mildly sceptic Tory, Rifkind said he Likewise, the Foreign Sec-retary seemed to recognise "absolutely agreed" how un desirable this would be. desirable this would be. But this mild sceptic was, of course, a harbinger: possibly of Götterdämmerung. It has become very plain to Major and Rifkind that their tactic mill not be viable beyond the that the policy was causing havoc for those who have to implement it. Agents of diplomacy on the ground are having a hard time. Even mute disagreement can be telling. Florence summit. Whatever I'm reliably told that Stephen Wall, our man in Brussels and the British representasuccess might be claimed for it up to then will be sharply tive at the Inter-Governmenreversed if the fudge is not tal Conference, at a recent permitted to occur. Yet the session elaborately read out his brief, theatrically replaced the document in his backbench merchants of cataclysm, pushed around by Sir James Goldsmith, are showbag and then resumed a ing little inclination to turn

pointed silence. It is hard on tall. Mr Wall that the Labour The Foreign Secretary wa anxious to stress the terms by which he wanted to be be judged. These were strictly Party have set their sights on replacing him: not with a businessman but because of the Prime Minister's: his the bit-part he played in matters covered by the Scott

There may be a framework, but there's no way it can consist of British control over British beef

surrender. Report. For a professional diplomat, his prime of life is being unusually violated by politics

The strategy, however, is becoming clear, and there seems a reasonable chance of European governments complying with it. In a climate of anti-diplomacy no one can be sure, but the chance is there. to call. What happens at and after Florence will be drama of the highest order, whose possibilities bear comparison Britain will make as elegant a surrender as she can manage, and call it victory. No words will be too strident for the Prime Minister to declare ber 1950, Kinkind was Signal-ling yesterday his and Ma-jor's response to the immovable object. Next comes the irresistible force. that belligerence worked and he got his structure for end-ing the beef ban. Nor would this be any sort of fudge.



COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9

Francine Stock

stated objective of a frame-work structure, not specific as to time. Parts of the ban will plainly continue, some of them probably for years. There may be a framework, but there's no way it can con-HOU shall not take the God in vain. And if someone on television does, complain forthwith to the sist of an early reaffirmation of British control over British beef. Unfortunately, this has Broadcasting Standards already been defined by the Council. In our effing and snaring editors and terrified backbenchers who are now directing affairs in the Tory Party as an unacceptable blinding society, swear words of a religious origin still give greater offence than the ana-tomical kind. In the latest BSC monitoring report, there was greater complaint about

surrender. The question will be how many decide to say so, and how loud. In a normal politi-cal atmosphere, particularly on the eve of an election, a leader could depend on get-ting the benefit of the doubt. the unjustified use of bad language than either sex or vio-lence before the 9pm watershed. Swearing with religious connotations - by far the counted for 38 per cent of instances of bad language cited in those programmes monitored. The Broadcasting John Major must expect the opposite. We are entering a month of turnoil that is hard Standards chairwoman, Lady Howe, spoke of the "upset and hurt" this caused some viewwith those of Rome in Octoers. In the league table of ber 1990. Rifkind was signalbroadcast swearing, you can fornicate a moderate amount and shit where you want but please keep Jesus Christ out of it.

There are those who reckon swearing reveals the taboos about a society — making feints at those things that are most revered. Some cultures indulge in elaborate questioning of paternity and mothers' honour. Others invoke besti-ality or incest. Much of our own seems hung up on repro-duction [basic mechanics of], and this week the actor Martin Clunes has predicted in the Radio Times that within a decade the f-word will be ubiquitous and unremarked

on television programmes. But blasphemous language appears to be different. Those who are sensitive to it believe it to be truly subversive be-cause it attacks the basis of faith and brings someone else's belief into disrepute. This is blasphemy as Britain has understood it since the Reformation, and which forms the basis of our blas-pheny laws. It is also in this

snook at the deity and the hierarchy of belief. He or she demonstrates their agitation by invoking the sacred. In Catholic Italy, many ex-clamations veer towards the blasphemous by beginning with the Ma of Madonna and changing halfway into some other, less charged, word. Even if the oath is not explic-it, the skirmish has still

In this sense, swearing is a

consensual act amongst be-lievers. Between themselves, some churchmen concede, bad language (in the Broad-casting Standards Council sense) is not uncommon. But the important difference is that this devilment is con-tained within the family, the sect, the club. Far from undermining belief, it bears witness to it. It can even be an appeal to the deity, or an expression of anger. It is not a sign of indifference. When I spoke to a Catholic priest about this, he took a long, thoughtful breath, and mused, "Oh God." It might

have been a prayer. The problem that television viewers perceive is that the nation is not one such club with a common set of assump-tions and beliefs. Just as you might cheerfully believe there could be plenty more sex on television, you might not choose to watch it with your grandfather or granddaughter. Broadcasting, by definition, cannot know who is in the room at the time; it may not distinguish between different sensibilities. But the audience apparently does, and from the findings of the Broadcasting Standards Council viewers are sensitive to any brutality towards others' beliefs as well as their

own. Forget the sticks and stones, it's the careless use of words that hurts.

Boot to sanitise language so that it is inoffensive to all, bland and sticky like cola. Anger, reverence. outrage, provocation - all these may be reasons for using swear words with religious connotations. Simple empha-sis is not. If the Martin Clunes prophecy on the f-word is fulfilled, and its use becomes so broad that it pops up even on children's television, then one graphic Anglo-Saxon word will have lost its state-sponsored view of blas-phemy that the fatwa was im-posed on Salman Rushdie. or fury or even obscenity

We had a taste of some of no acknowledgement of its

called The Beachcomber and it was fairly late... when we got back to the hotel." This on the eve of departure for a match against Portugal in May 1964. Greavesie soms up: "T loved every minute of my England career. The goals and the pints. . ." But not necessarily in that order.

ERO of the week (so far): Johannes Ditz, Austria's economics minister until Tuesday, when he announced he would be offski at the end of the month. His reason. unique among politicians for its honesty, was, accord-ing to Deutsche Presse, that, after 18 years in politics, he was "out of ideas".

ORDON BROWN, the man who would be the British Ditz (apart from the resignation, that is), gained first-hand experience yesterday of the sort of funding deficit likely to plague the next Labour government. The shadow chancellor was not exactly double-booked, but it was a tall order to make it from Birmingham, where he delivered a mid-morning speech to the CBL, to the Four Seasons Hotel in Park Lane, where he was joint guest of bonour (with Is-raeli ambassador Moshe Raviv) at a lunch held by Labour Friends of Israel. Prominent among the

guests were the sort of industrialists and busines men (Marks & Sparks took a table) that Labour has to reach, so there was no way Gordon could blow them out. A helicopter was rustled up to speed him from England's second city to her first: the thorny question of the chopper bill arose later. Friends chairman Norman Hogg, MP for Cumbernauld, fraternally sug-gested Labour chief whip Donald Dewar be stuck with the tab. In the event, an anonymous industrialist did the decent thing, making his lunch pricey even by Park Lane standards.





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movement for its own vehi-cles. They trundle up and

down Bosnia's roads with varying degrees of paranoia.

The Americans insist on

nothing less than four vehi-cles at a time, their drivers

sweating it out in flak jackets and helmets.

Their camps are almost in-visible behind mounds of

sandbags while ferocious

bumps across the road out-

side the gates bring traffic to a virtual halt. The British are

more relaxed behind their

simple chicken wire, yet so

far all nations agree on stay-

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They are willing to help

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Hidden protectors

Six months on from Dayton and there are still fears for the safety of returning electors in the coming Bosnian poll. Jonathan Steele calls for the Nato soldiers to come out of their barracks

N the chaotic army of constantly hovers over the in-outside advisers which has doubled and trebled criminals, Radovan Karadzic criminals, Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic, and in Bosnia since peace

was imposed, no group is more worried than the whether Ifor will try to enforce their arrest. They are the symbols of ethnic cleans-European Union's men in ing. The substance is their Mostar. The Chablis is victims, and the picture is chilled. The terrace is shaded. But the roofless wrecks of grim. Only 100,000 of the 1.4 houses at the end of their million displaced people from the Bosnian war have gone hotel garden are a constant warning that almost nothing has been done to re-build shattered communities and patriots are in a majority. Few dared to cross the newly broken lives. And deadlines are looming.

created ethnic divides. While ministers meet in Flor-The refugees' hesitation is ence this week, exactly halfunderstandable, given the way through the one-year mandate which Nato set lack of protection the outside world has been willing to when the Dayton peace acgive. The United Nations cords were signed, what con-cerns the men of Mostar is

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Their priority is the Mostar

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How, in short, are they go-

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tary circles is that "we can't High Commission for Refuput a tank outside every door". It is an argument gees has tried to bring small groups of displaced people taken to the absurd. All that home, taking building materials with them to help to is needed is for Ifor to take a repair their ruined houses. more assertive role and pro-But the UNHCR is not in the policing business, and when it has faced resistance, it has tect at least some groups of refugee

ing to avoid a bloody "battle of the buses" when thousands of refugees and displaced had to retreat. to the divided city of Mostar. In the pre-Dayton days when the outside force in Bospeople try to reverse ethnic cleansing and go home to vote in defiance of the thugs? What nia was the United Nations are they going to do if Nato's Protection Force, Unprofor, it was often labelled Unproforlfor, maintains its pusillani-

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Elections are being held early under the agreement which the Americans brokered between the Croats and the Bosnians in February 1994, while profor. It spent more time the war with the Bosnian Bosnia to pay their election protecting itself than Bosnia's Serbs still raged. If the ac-officials themselves. Dozens

restore freedom of movement | elections in two weeks' time in Bosnia. it has mainly suc- | will be a foretaste of the ones voters resigned on hearing the news, casting new doubt on whether the massive operdue for the whole of Bosnia in Septimber. Like Dayton, the accord on ation to register voters can be completed in time.

Mostar talked of unity and partition in the same breath, The Americans are putting heavy pressure on the OSCE to declare that conditions eaving it to the implementers to decide which they pre-ferred. Mostar was drawn exist for a free and fair election. In many parts of Bosnia this is hard to accept. So is it yes or no? For those opposiinto three Bosnian-majority and three Croat-majority areas with a central council under joint control. Most of tion parties which stand for a re-united country, it is a hard dilemma. Most would like the the 50,000 people who lost elections to go ahead. Some fear that if they are delayed once, it may be for ever. Others argue that the election their homes were Muslims and now they wish to go back to vote. Some will come from across the river, others will wish to drive from other parts provides a civic space within which pluralist politics can revive after the vacuum of of Bosnia, and a few may even come from Britain and other European countries. Security

officials fear bloodshed and The best way to resolve the dilemma would be to link the poll to the return of refugees. Let the OSCE declare that elections can be held only in killings. "It is an enormous worry," says Sir Martin Gar-rod, the British general who is the EU chief of staff in Mostar. "There are real fears those municipalities where for the safety of candidates as refugees can start going they campaign, for voters who want to cross the city to home, and let Ifor come out of to stay, or even — as in the who want to cross the city to case of Mostar — just to cast | cast their ballots in their old its barracks and supply the necessary protection. This would give credibility to the home districts, and for refugees on the buses which will be coming to Mostar." election exercise, show that the international community does not accept permanent partitition, and put the vic-HE security nighttims of the war in centre

mare for the Mostar. poll has highlighted stage again. another flaw in The good news is that Ifor Dayton. The EU is

has begun to plan for another year in Bosnia, after the Daypaying the local election officials in Mostar. By contrast, ton mandate runs out, with or the Organisation for Security without some American parand Co-operation in Europe, ticipation. But what nationality lfor's contingents are is which is running the Bosniawide poll, has told the governless important than what they do with their time. Another ments of the two "entities" in year in barracks would be a nous refusal to get involved protecting user than bosing s out is suit raged if the ac- outclais inemselves. Dozens waste, Sold in policing or crowd control? civilians. Now we have the cords on Mostar were a fore of judges and lawyers who defend of The international spotlight same with lfor. Pledged to taste of Dayton, the city's had volunteered to register themselves. waste. Soldiers are there to of judges and lawyers who defend civilians, not

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Marie-Louise von Motesiczky

Survivor from a vanished world

devoted a painter as she was, Marie Louise von Mote siczky, who has died aged 89, always pre-served an aristocratic cool towards her vocation true to her character and upbring-ing. She exhibited infrequently, never needed to sell vorks and was indifferent to the mechanics of career building. Cosseted by a remarkable

and inspiring community of emigre intellectuals, she remained aloof from the art world and from art fashion. And she was far from prolific. There were always some art-ists and connoisseurs who recognised her importance, however, and they would ensure periodic turns in the limelight

When she was given a midcareer retrospective at Helen Lessore's Beaux-Arts Gallery in 1960, her first London showing for 16 years, it was greeted by critics as a rediscovery, although it was a further quarter century be-fore she would show again, managing in the meantime to slip back into obscurity.

The 1965 exhibition was staged at the Goethe Institut, where the catalogue preface was by Sir Ernst Gombrich. her old family friend and Hampstead neighbour. Her last solo exhibition was the full-scale retrospective at the Belvedere in Vienna two years ago, which was later seen in reduced form at the Manchester City Art

Gallery. Marie-Louise von Motesiczky was born into a van-ished world of haute bourgeois Jewish culture in Vienna. Her maternal grandfather was president of the stock exchange and she was also related on her mother's side to Theodor von Gomperz, the philologist, Robert von Lieben, the inventor of the amplifying valve, and Franz Brentano, the philosopher. Her grandmother, Anns Todesco, was one of Freud's first patients. Her father, who died when she was three, was



Von Motesiczky . . . the displaced world of the refugee

cellist who once played with Brahms. The major formative influ-ence of von Motesiczky's painting career was Max Beckmann, with whom she studied in Frankfurt in the 1920s. Beckmann had earlier been a guest at von Mote-siczky's country residence where he had met his future wife, Quappi, so nicknamed by Marie-Louise's mother. Henriette, When, on a visit to

resistance, was arrested months before the end of the war and perished at the Louvre, Beckmann had pointed out El Greco's Por-Auschwitz. Mother and daughter spent trait of St Louis to von Mote-siczky, she seized upon this the war years peaceably enough in Buckinghamshire chance recommendation and modelled her Self Portrait with Comb (1928) on both masand it was in Amersham that von Motesicsky met the man who was to be the great love ters: the delicately elongated hands and etiolated body are from El Greco, the earthy of her life, Ellas Canetti. He had arrived in England in 1937. Conversation in the Licolours, dusty sheen and sculptural application of paint are from Beckmann. brary (1950) shows him with another émigré writer, Franz Baermann Steiner, engaged But already, in this work, there are signs of von Mote-In heated discourse. Jeremy Adler, Steiner's biographer, siczky's distinctive style, her has written aptly of this picability to be at once strident and tender. Even at the height ture that "there is no truer record of genius in exile". She of her Beckmann allegiance,

where the figures have a tell-tale expressive stiffness and emphasis of outline, von Mo-1992. Miriam Rothschild, the tesiczky never succumbed to the bitter, caricatural, side of great botanist sat for her in 1965. the older artist's vision. Just after the war, von Mo-The day after Hitler entered Austria, Marie-Louise and in Hampstead where she

remained for the rest of her life. Besides the Gombrichs, her milieu included musicolo gist Hans Keller and his wife the painter-etcher Milein Cos-man. The whole area of redbrick Victorian mansions in Hampstead was closely associated with middle European Jewish refigees from the 1930s onwards. Von Mote-sicaky's depictions of Golders Hill Park have as displaced a Continental feel as the Cafe Cosmo on the Finchley Road where her circle would some where her circle would some times meet. Her friendship with Oskar Kokoschka, who gave her the nickname Florizel, also dated

from the war years. Like Beckmann, Kokoschka was taken by her considerable beauty, which comes across in both men's portraits of her. Whatever the relative influ-ence of these two giants of modern expressionism on her style, it is fair to say that, in a small corpus worked at in ber mother left Vienna for The Hague, where the 34-year-old artist was given her first exhibition to critical acclaim, although they quickly left for England. "One can only guess what would have happened to relative seclusion, von Mote-siczky evolved a painterly idiom very much her own.

idiom very much her own. Her self-portraits, un-idealised though they were, also managed to capture her fabled beauty but psychologi-cal intensity was reserved for the extended series of por-traits of her mother right up us if we had taken a different route," she later recalled. Her brother Karl, who remained in Austria and joined the

to her death at the age of 96. Henriette came to live with her daughter in 1959. She was clearly a formidable lady: she is depicted smoking her pipe, driving around the garden in her electric tricycle, gardening. She is often attended by her whippet. In the final por-traits of Henriette from 1975-77 (one of the best of which is owned by the Tate) she has lost most of her hair but none of her zest. Gombrich was moved to compare Durer's charcoal drawings of his mother with these works, detecting "a similar kind of painted Canetti many other detachment [in] recording the times; the National Portrait Gallery has a version from relentless advance of old age".

> Marie-Louise von Motesiczky, painter, born October 24, 1906; dled June 10, 1995

David Cohen



Von Motesiczky's Self-portrait with Comb, 1926 ... hommage to El Greco and Beckmann



The Guardian Thursday June 13 1996

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ARNEY WILEN, who has died of cancer aged 59, was one of the performers who helped make the French music cene a natural second home for jazz

Vilen studied alto saxophone in the glittering wake of Char-lie Parker, worked with Miles Davis on the score for Louis Malle's movie Ascenseur Pour La Echafaud (Lift To The Scaf-fold) and was one of the first Europeans to be invited to play at the Newport Jazz Festival He belonged to an era in which American jazz was paramount but for whose creative non-American performers the duty to deliver an authentic European equivalent was unrelenting. Wilen discharged that duty

with interest, though later em-braced free-music, jazz-rock fusion and world music. In its precoclously matured form, his sound resembled a softened version of the melodic unpre-dictability of Sonny Rollins but was always distinctively his own. Wilen loved Bird but was drawn to a caressingly oblique account of bebop, and his music was frequently in ten-sion between these dynami-cally different interpretations

of the bop message. He spent his childhood in the US, from 1940 to 1946 before returning to France and teach-ing himself alto saxophone. In the early 1950s, frustrated with racism and the tin ears of pro-moters, many American jazz artists were moving to France - bop pioneers Kenny Clarke and Bud Powell among them and their presence was a pow-erful catalyst to local jazz. Wi-len's sound and intuitive imin out and he was making waves as a teenager, recording with the Modern Jazz Quartet's John Lewis and cutting his debut album as a leader aged 19. The chance to tour Europe with Devis in 1959 set the seal on his heroic status as France's

premier modernist. Wilen worked in the same period with Art Blakey and Thelonious Monk on the filmsoundtrack to Les Liaisons Dangereuses 1960 but, like his model, Rollins, his relationship to his jazz identity was com-plex. As bebop became the mainstream, Wilen searched for alternatives, dropping out of jazz and reappearing in 1966 as a free-improvising player with rock undercurrents, per-forming at the 1967 Berlin festi-

Ulysses Dove



Birthdays Sandy Barclay, jockey, 48; Nick Brown, MP, Labour deputy chief whip, 46; Adol-phus "Doc" Cheethers

trumpeter, 91: David Curry

MP. minister of state for the

environment, 52; Sir Regi-

nald Doyle, HM Chief Inspec

YSSES DOVE, who has died of Aids aged 49, was a choreographer who epitomised the full-bodied movement and self-immolating energy of American dance. His da breasted the stage in driven tumps and whirling turns set to intense percussive scores.

He loved dance and loved making dancers look beautiful and exciting. He was himself an exuberant, if softlyspoken, man. In rehearsal he could be a brutal perfectionist, with a very strong sense of what he wanted and an utter determination to get it. He was also a deeply and

unself-consciously spiritual man and this was reflected in many of his works. His 1988 niece Vespers was dedicated to the women in his family, par ticularly his grandmother whom he spoke of as the guid-ing spirit in his life. It drew on mories of church-going in his native South Carolina and of watching women becoming possessed by the Spirit. Seri-ous Pleasures, a darker work made for American Ballet Theater in 1992, was inspired by Kazantzakis's novel The Last Temptation of Christ while Heaven, one of his last works was made in memory of friends who had died.

Implicit in the work was the fact that these friends had | Lang in 1970 joined the Merce died of Aids but unlike Bill T | Cunningham Company.

Jackdaw

Feudal rooms

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Dove ... perfectionist

Jones. his contemporary, Dove did not make his own on other people's illness an artistic issue. Nor, unlike Jones. was he overtly political about being black, though his dances frequently drew or black experience and culture, and many were made for the

Born in Columbia, South

Carolina, Dove studied dance,

against his parents' wishes, at

a local school. He went on to

Then leave and wait for your

parture of choreographing for Robert Wilson's production of the Philip Glass opera The Civil Wars. With The Red Angel and Twilight, which was premiered last month. created for New York City Ballet, he established himself as one of the few black choreographers to have created work for the world's classical ballet companies. black dancers in Alvin Ailey's multi-racial company.

His choreography was fee tured in Tiro hy Dove part of the Great Performances television series. He is survived by his a brother and sister.

where he created roles in

several works, including

Howard University graduated in dance from Bennington Judith Mackrell

College. After appearances with Mary Anthony and Pearl Ulysses Dove, dancer and choreographer, born January 17, 1947; died June 11, 1996

tor of Fire Services, 67; Inga-Stina Ewbank, professor of Landrover. However, the more flambovantiv theatrical repertoire of Alvin Ailey was English literature, Leeds Unicloser to his temperament and he joined Ailey's com-pany in 1973, becoming one versity, 64; Lord Geoffrey Finsberg. former Conserva-tive MP, 70; Gwynne Howell, of its principal dancers. operatic singer, 58; Lord Hyl-ton, former vice-president, He created his first piece for Age Concern, 64; Tom King, MP, former Conservative minister, 63; Malcolm Mcthe company in 1979 and in 1980 left to become assistant director of the Choreographic Dowell, actor, 53; Sir Peter Research Group of the Paris Marychurch, former direc-tor, GCHQ, 69; Michael Mel-Opera. From there he went on to create works for many comluish, treasurer, the MCC, 64; Prof Dr Barbara Reynolds, lexicographer. 82; Dr Ber-tram Schofield, former Keep panies around the world. Critics have argued that his style is repetitive but in 1986 he made the radical deer of Manuscripts, British Museum, 100; Peter Scuda more. jockey, 38; Mary Whitehouse. founder, National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, 86; Andreas Whittam Smith, former editor, the Independent, 59.



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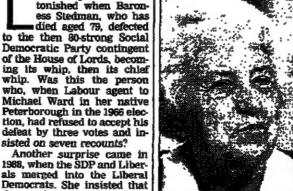
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She was in the US in 1990 when the rump SDP dissolved During the second world war, in 1942 she joined the but on her return insisted that the 17 SDP peers were Fire Service as "senior fire service officer responsible for communications" and she was to long identify with the service. In 1945 she entered 'still functioning as a party" It took the combined atten tions of the Labour and Conservative chief whips to de tach her from the two local government, being downstairs rooms to which elected first for the Soke of Peterborough. By 1965 she was on Huntingdon and Camshe clung. She finally became bridge county council and, in 1974, Cambridgeshire county Born to iron moulder Percy Adams and his wife Emmie, Phyllis Stedman attended council. She was the parlia-Peterborough County Gram- mentary candidate for Hamp-

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Mafia moves

"SO WHY are you afraid of

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cians and becoming an anthropological film-maker in stead in 1951 before with-Africa in the 1970s. In the 1980s drawing through ill health. Harold Wilson's return to he returned to the Paris clubs, with a bop style much more No 10 in March 1974 required reminiscent of his early work. a strengthened Labour ma-European jazz owes him a great chine in the Lords Whips

Office. Thus, in 1975, did Phyllis become Baroness Stedman John Fordham and a whip and spokesman in

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the Lords. Her 15 minutes of Barney (Bernard Jean) Wilen, fame came in 1977 when, as chairman of the pop festivals' working party, she admitted she liked George Melachrino and Mantovani: 'T like music musician, born March 4, 1937; died May 24, 1996

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rian. "A tenth of your earnthe booming Far East where ings to the church every the Russians have had power and influence in the past. But where collecting protection month?" He fixes his eyes on me and looks serious: "Do you money can be overlooked, more violent action can upset complacent hosts. I ask Valerian where they "eliminate" their targets; here in Vietnam or in Russia" "We don't want to upset our

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Western equivalents: a Lightly knit group of analysts attached to the embassies abroad. But in Russia, this reorganisation has meant that over 200,000 former informers, street detectives and gun-men lost their jobs. And it is

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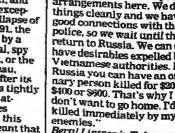
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The attraction of Vietnam for Valerian and his comrades

Tokyo... mafia on the move

want to know how we make big bucks? If Russian busismen want to set up shop iere, we provide protection. Competitors we eliminate. Most Russian criminal organisations use former KGB agents as hit-men, and Valerian's gang is no excep-tion. Following the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the

the soviet officing in 1991, the old KGB was replaced by a new, more professional, spy agency called the SVR, or the state intelligence bureau, which was modelled after its



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room-mate to come back. When he/she does, walk in and act surprised. Say "Uhoh, it looks like THEY were here again. 5. Wear a cape. Stand in front of an open window for about an hour every day. Then, one day, when your room-mate is gone, go outside and lie down underneath the window. pretending to be hurt, and wait for your room-mate to return. The next day, start standing in front of the window again. 1. WHILE your room-mate is 6. Collect potatoes. Paint faces on them and give them names. Name one after your room-mate's potato from the mate walks in, sit on the floor 2. Keep a tarantula in a jar for others. Wait a few days and three days. Then get rid of the then bake your room-mate's potato and eat it. Explain to tarantula. If your room-mate asks. say "Oh, he's around your room-mate that "He just didn't belong." 7. Cover your bed with a tent. Live inside it for a week. If your room-mate asks, explain that "It's a jungle out

3. Every time you wake up, start velling "Oh, my God" Where the hell am I?!" and run around the room for a fev minutes. Then go back to bed. there." Get your room mate to bring you food and water. If your room-mate asks, say you don't know what he/she is talking about. 8. Keep a vacuum cleaner in the middle of the room. Look at it with fear for a few days. 4. Trash the room when your Then stay out of the room en-

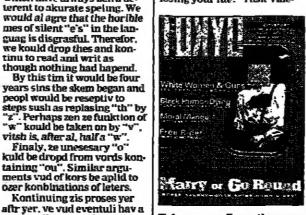
crack and whispering to your room-mate "Pss!! Is it cone?" 9. Practice needlepoint every night. At one point, grab your thumb and scream "Oww!" Cry hysterically for a few minutes, and then go to bed. Sob and sniff all night. 10. When your room-mate comes in, pretend that you are on the phone, screaming angrily and shouting obscent ties. After you hang up, say "That was was your Mum. She said she d call back." 11. Every time your roommate comes in, immediately turn off the lights and go to bed. When he 'she leaves, get up and loudly yell "Okay guys, you can come out now. More ways to confuse your room-mate from Rainbow confusion (last instalment next week). http://www2.islandnet com/-cwalker/ Easy speak

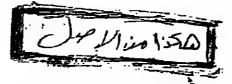
CHANGES to the English language in the European Union Having chosen English as the preferred language in the EEC (now officially the European

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a feasibility study in ways of improving efficiency in communications between government departments. European officials have pointed out that English spelling is unneces-sarily difficult. For example: cough. plough, here, hear. bow, bough, through and thor ough. What is clearly needed is a phased programme of changes to iron out these anomalies. The programme would be administered by a committee of top level staff chosen by the participating nations In the first year, for example, the committee might suggest using "s" instead of the soft "c". Sertainly, sivil servants in all sitles would reseive this news with joy. The

hard "c" could then be re-plased by "k" sinse both letters are pronounsed alike. This would not only klear up confusion in the minds of klerikal workers but type-writers and keyboards kould he made with one less letter, a signifikant saving. In the sekond year, bekause of growing enthusiasm, it will rell sensibl riten stil. Aftr





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'Not a question of black or white' -Bank chief



Windblown but not off-course . . . The Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, arrives at the **Mansion House to** deliver his speech HOTOGRAPH: MARTIN ARGLE

No rates rift, says George

Mark Milbor

HE Bank of England Governor, Eddie George, last night sought to play down speculation of a serious rift between himself and the Chancellor, Kenneth ahead". Inflationary pres-Clarke, over last week's quar-

to last week's rate cut because of concerns about inflation al-though the Governor gave little evidence of any serious disquiet last night. He said he expected the underlying rate of retail price inflation "to fall into the target range of 2.5 per cent or less in the period not quite down to either the Richard Thomas UK monetary authorities' tar-get range or the inflation rates of some of the other sures in the market for both ter-point cut in interest rauss. But in an otherwise gener-ally upbeat speech he warned the labour market, were "cur-rently subdued," he said. Setting policy was a ques-station of the balance of Group of Seven industrialised countries. Mr George also noted that tion of judging the balance of probabilities about what would happen and the bal-Britain was now in its fifth successive year of relatively ance of risk of erring "one steady growth which he was side or the other". In what he confident could be sustained, while unemployment had described as a generally more stable anvironment it was possible to adjust policy in small steps "which can if necfallen consistently over the last three years and was now the lowest within the larger essary be more easily reversed". But he cautioned that the European economies. "These economic develop-ments have been accompanied over the past four years by more stable as well as judgments on which such changes were based "still matter, not just for thair imlower nominal interest rates, and by a much more stable pact on demand, but because they also can change expecta-tions about future policy, and effective exchange rates." Mr George acknowledged that it would take years before people were finally con-vinced that stability was per-manent. But he added: "We are nevertheless well on course for bringing economic There has been speculation week's meeting with Mr and financial good health to that Mr George was opposed (Clarke but the UK's economic the nation and to the City."

performance. Inflation had fallen from an average of 12.75 per cent in the 1970s to 7 per cent in the 1980s, to 4.5 per cent in the 1980s and to 2.75 per cent over the last four years. That was a buge im-provement, said Mr George, although be cautioned that is not outle down to either the dole queue down

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economy". Treasury offi-cials pointed to a rise in job vacancies as a sign of a strengthening labour

strengthening labour market. But Labour pointed to further signs that part-time jobs were taking the place of full-time positions. Ac-cording to the quarterly labour force survey, the number of people in work jumped by 118,000 over the three months to February months to Febr thr

Notebook

Ken's firm line soothes the City



Edited by Alex Brummer

HOSE in the City and business communities who have been waiting for a senior minister to speak up for Europe will not be disappointed by Kenneth Clarke's performance at the Mansion House last night. Black tle may have replaced white tle in the sartorial stakes, but Mr Clarke shows no signs of buckling to the Goldsmith-backed wing of the Tory party over Maastricht or tax cuts.

While the 30p basic rate of tax remains a Conservative goal, Mr Clarke's emotive attack on those who advocate slashing taxes and hanging the deficit, suggests that hopes of big reductions to come in November's Budget are probably misplaced un-less there is an astonishing change in the public finances. If, for instance, the Government were tempted to go for the 20p rate, it would cost them around £5 billion. That would certainly throw out all the Chancellor's good intentions of a balanced budget over the medium term. As to the much trumpeted removal of capital gains and inheri-tance taxes, the centrepiece of John Major's speech at the party conference in 1995, that is clearly on the back burner. Mr Clarke's rejection of bribes for the electorate and pre-election booms ought to be reassuring for the bond markets and sterling. There

al about inilationary expectations. This is a concept on which his opposite number in the US. Alan Greenspan, has often focused. It is not simply the act of cutting rates which influences markets, it is the broader judgment on policy stance which, in turn, feeds through into bond yields.

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The Government may need to reassure itself and the electorate that the UK has the best economic record in Europe and the G7, but the Governor feels no such com-punction. He notes that the UK's inflation rate, for all its improvement over recent years, is still not down to either the target level or that "in most other G7 countries" Mr George appeared disap-pointed that he was not able to report to the assembled City fathers of a third year in which growth was greater than inflation. Nevertheless, he is hoping the action replay by the umpires, in the shape of revised gross national product figures, will leave his

Smiths' hurrah

record intact.

-HE long-awaited stratele review at WH Smith falls short of the radical restructuring which had been expected. Due to the generosity of its partner, Boots, Smiths have cleared out of Do It All relatively cheaply and at a leisurely pace, while the decision to sell Business Supplies and focus on core retail businesses in book and CD retailing looks sensible. It would be nice to think

that chief executive Bill Cockburn will get the four years he has set himself to turn around WH Smith. After all, longer term building of businesses is as critical as short-term financial gains. However, it is unlikely that institutions, frustrated by Smiths continued difficulties. is plainly some political, as well as inflationary, risk in current gilt yields. The Chanwill be imppy about this timétable Mr Cockburn also appears to be taking an enormous risk by the decision to cut its product range from 49,000 to now to throw the public fi-35,000. One of the attractive features of Smiths-type retail-ing is its comprehensive cover, something which is increasingly being recognised as useful with the rebirth of departmental stores. The last thing that WH Smith needs is to drive business into Woolworths or the more aggressive news agency chains. No doubt the sackings and write-offs of £285 million will make a useful contribution to Itsfinancial prospects. But this does not look like an Asda style turnaround.

policy could easily be reversed, the judgments on which they were based could have an impact on expectations within financial markets and the wider economy.

Mr George, however, was dismissive of what he de-scribed as the "inordinate interest" in what had been said in his recent meeting with the Chancellor ahead of the decision to cut interest rates.

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He told his audience of the City's elite at the annual Mansion House dinner: "Most forecasters would expect both annual growth and inflation to be within a range of some 2 to 3 per cent over the next two years. Within something like that range almost anything could happen: it is not a ques-

tion of black or white."

Legal row spoils

Heseltine plan

Barmy of part-time dole queue. workers has pushed Eric Fort the unemployment rate down to its lowest level for five years, according to offiwere evidence of a

cial figures published /esterday. The number of people out of work and claiming bene-fit dropped by 14,800 to Unemployment 2.167,600 last month, accounting for 7.7 per cent of the workforcs — the lowest rate since 1991, the Office for National Statistics said. ONS statisticians held out the prospect of unemployment dipping below two million next year, estimat-ing that on average 10,000 people would come off the dole queue each month. If this is accurate, the twomillion barrier will be breached by October 1997. Although separate data yesterday showed more job-

 but three-quarters of the Eric Forth, junior Educanew posts were part-time. "A look behind the figtion and Employment spokesman, said the figures

ures shows that any recovery is built on the flimstest of foundations," "dynamic and fast moving said Michael Meacher. shadow employment spokesman. "Job insecurity is rife and the outlook for manufacturing industry continues to be bleak."

The ONS said the number of factory workers fell by 18,000 between March and April. Fresh jobs were on offer in service industries and retailing. City analysts said the

overall figures were in line with expectations. Alex Garrard, UK economist at brokers UBS, said: "The data bear further testament to the sharply divergent fortunes of the manufactur-

callor's comments will not entirely dissipate this, but the firmness of his remarks will make it far tougher for him

nances into reverse. Historically, the Mansion House speech has been an occasion dominated by monetary shifts. Indeed, a year ago much of the debate focused on the Chancellor's decision to add to the core 2.5 per cent inflation target a range of 1-4 per cent to accommodate external shocks to the economy. This was seen in some quar-ters as a weakining of the

anti-inflation intent. In 1996 the new range appears to have been exorcised, which may be a gesture towards Bank of England concerns on price stability.

In his Mansion House speech last night the Gover-nor, Eddie George, was plainly seeking to hose down the suggestions that the Bank course over interest rates. Nevertheless, Mr George plainly has been unsettled by Mr Clarke's interest rate

activism. In the Bank's view, hasty moves on interest rates, such as the quarter point reduction seen last week, are critical for their immediate impact on de-curtail HKT's lucrative inter-

Chinese burn

OW quickly a golden opportunity lost can change into a disaster and the Chancellor are back avoided. British Telecom, on a 1995-style collision during five months of talks on a possible £35 billion merger with Cable & Wireless, made no secret that it lusted after the C&W's 58 per cent stake in Hongkong Telecom.

Quite a few BT executives must now be relieved that the talks failed, given the Hong mand and for what they sig- national calls monopoly.

Cella Weston and Simon Beavis

OVERNMENT pro-Dosals to shake up business support services — being unveiled today by Michael Heseltine - have been put in jeopar-dy by a £50 million legal row threatening the future of the country's Training and Enterprise Councils.

The Deputy Prime Minister is expected to use his rebates. TEC directors third Competitiveness would face more liabilities White Paper to outline two main mitiatives to boost the performance of small and medium-sized firms and the agencies, like TECs, which serve them.

He is due to announce a call of nearly 100 government support schemes in favour of a more coherent approach and will also be calling on TECs to merge their operations with local chambers of commerce.

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But attempts to defuse a legal battle over whether ness support schemes TECs are businesses or through agencies like the charities have failed. Claims by Oldham TEC | TECs.

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RANADA Group said yesterday it expected to start selling some of the Exclusive hotels acquired to help business

during January's £3.9 billion assault on Forte in as little as three months' time. that it is a charity and lia-ble for tax rebates of Granada, which said it had £180,000 are to be challenged by the Inland Reve-nue in the High Court on sent details of the hotels to some 75 potential buyers, added that the scope for im-

July 25. Oldham has been proving profits at other Forte backed by the Revenue's businesses was even greater than forecast during its bid special commissioners. The TEC movement, the for the hotel and restaurants Government, the Inland

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Revenue and the Charities empire The hotels for sale include Commission acknowledge that a change in Oldham's

status would apply to all 81 TECs, forcing the payment of about £50 million in tax

ages of two or three at a time. "My guess, and it's just a guess, is that we will start to see the thing rolling in about three months' time," he said. during the Forte bid. "It may take longer to dispose of the package, and it's hard to determine what the mix of sales will be." The disclosure came as Gra-

tax profits, to £183.3 million,

the controversial lion for hotels that we £100 million profit improvethought were worth more than 50 per cent more." ment target it had identified

Despite a disposal pro-He said: "We will achieve gramme which includes the that figure, but these results should also lay the ghost that overseas rental business, Granada has decided to keep one Forte asset - the corporate jet it pledged to sell during

the bid. Mr Robinson said: "Travel-ling to all the Meridien hotels made it worth keeping -Forte didn't get everything

Chemicals directors 'in plot to cook the company books' ing, false or deceptive state-ments about the company's Pet Clarke

trading position. Mr Lines and Mr Baxter had control of the business WO successful company executives "cooked the books" of an international and its accounting policies, said Mr Robinson. They were chemicals firm after it overof good character "and there can be no doubt that both in stretched itself in takeovers. an Old Bailey court was told

Baxter tried to conceal MTM's trading problems from those who might other-

quiring or would have dis-posed of MTM's shares if they had known the true position," said Vivian Robinson QC. prosecuting.

"They, assisted by others.

Mr Lines, aged 59, the forof MTM, from Newton under | nance." said Mr Robinson. Roseberry, North Yorkshire, and Mr Baxter, aged 44, who was the company's finance di-

products on offer in its flag-ship high street shops from 49,000 to 35,000 items. This is on top of the already into a "world class retailer". and from the supermarkets. "The danger,"

Smith 'saviour' reveals 4-year plan as part of a charity. Since the legal crisis emerged in April four

type favoured by Mr Heseltine, have been put on hold. H SMITH, the news-agent book and re-cord retailer, yester-Six that have been completed are now seen as Labour yesterday said it had received leaked papers showing that Mr Heseltine wished to redirect £240 million of spending on busi-

years to bear fruit. The group unveiled the results of its well-leaked strategic review which include axing another 400 jobs, vacat-ing its costly Sloane Square head office and increasing the number of Waterstones and Virgin megastore outlets. In addition the group.

which has issued two profit | another £145 million of goodwarnings in as many years. | will write offs. intends to reduce the range of Bill Cockburn, the newly attack from specialists such

per cent of Do It All to Boots, its partner in the venture. business, The Wall, although and the sale of WHS Business the distribution operation, Supplies, which includes the WHS News, will be retained. The City had, however, ex-Niceday brand of stationery, pected more in the way of speto Guilbert of France. But analysts yesterday cific savings to emerge from the changes and had hoped complained that the group for a quicker pay back. Although Mr Cockburn is has not set itself a sufficiently punishing schedule to deliver regarded as having delivered

the results of the review, which will result in excepthe required refocusing and tional charges of £140 million refinancing he has still failed in the current financial year to silence fears that the core before £34 million of tax and

supermarkets. "The danger," announced disposal of its 50 | This will also include limiting | commented one expert, "is investment in its US music that what makes sense arithmetically won't work in terms of the stock and consumers will just go elsewhere Shares in the company

remained unmoved at 484p by fact the case." yesterday's statement, much of which had already been flagged. Although Mr Cockburn was

regarded as being "overly generous" in allowing himself four years to revive the group's fortunes, another an-alyst said: "Fixing Smith's is

their different ways were sucvesterday. Richard Lines and Thomas cessful and well regarded". After the company's shares were listed on the Stock Exchange in 1986, it started an expansion programme. "Those activities culmiwise have decided against ac-

nated by the end of 1990 in two major additions to the group - both in the US." said Mr Robinson, MTM first ac-

quired the chemical company cooked the books relating to Orsynes, based in Columbus, the years 1990-91 in order to Ohio This was quickly folgive the impression that the lowed by the takeover of company was a good deal Hardwick, a chemicals manumore profitable than was in facturing company in South Carolina. "For that acquisition, MTM

mer chairman and a founder had to raise substantial fi-

The pair embarked on a series of dishonest schemes "designed to enhance MTM's rector, from Dollar, Central fining is standing in the eyes chain is beyond recovery. Analysts said the main WHS outlets were under strack from specialists such ling term job, if indeed it is fixable at all."

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planned mergers between chambers and TECs, of the Lisa Buckingham

day admitted that sweeping changes designed to rehabilitate the group in the eyes of

investors could take four

we needed Forte because our underlying businesses were not performing." Mr Robinson also disclosed nada announced a 19 per cent improvement in first-half predetails of Sir Rocco Forte's recent failed attempt to buy some of the world's most including £33.3 million from back the Meridien chain and Forte glamorous names, including the old Forte businesses in all but around four of the old wrong.

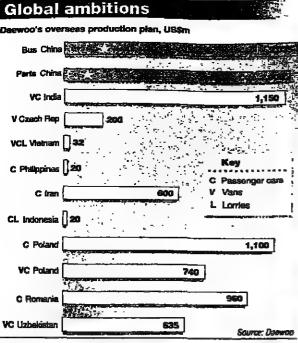
the Grosvenor House Hotel in | their first two months as part | Forte Exclusive hotels, London and the Georges V in | of Granada, Granada shares | He said: "I always i He said: "I always thought it would have been a very eleclosed up 16p at 831p on the gant solution for some of the hotels to have gone back to Sir Rocco, but the price was Gerry Robinson, refused to news. identify any of the would-be Unveiling the figures, Mr buyers and said he expected the hotels to be sold in pack-Robinson said the group was "more than comfortable" not right. He offered £970 milwith

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affect behaviour indirectly in both the financial markets and the wider economy". However, Mr George ar-gued that the "real news" was not what happened in last

Granada seeks Forte hotel exit Paris. Granada's chairman,

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Daewoo wants world

OUTLOOK/ Korean car maker is in drive to repeat Japanese model, says Chris Barrie

tion capacity and ambitious model development plans.

McGraw-Hill, said the com-

pany often won state aid by investing in these regions.

The group also used its other

established activities -- such as road and power station

building — to win favourable

terms for the fledgling car division.

VENTY years ago managers when he objected recently to Korea's strategy of the Japanese car companies began their march to preaggressive expansion. In Seoul such sentiment has little weight. Egged on by their government's ambition eminence in world markets by offering greater

reliability and extra equipto boost the economy and the ment at competitive prices. Despite widespread unease growth of other Asian tigers. Kores's car chiefs are promis ing huge increases in produc-

at the time about the ethics of buying foreign-built cars. many UK consumers did buy. The alternatives were Austin Rover. Jaguar, Taibot — brands synonymous with poor quality and factories a by-word for industrial discussion of the state of the st disruption

Now the Korean car indus-try is following the Japanese example. Yesterday Kim Taegou, chairman of Daewoo Motor, pledged to invest up to \$6 billion (£4 billion) in overseas factories in the next three years as part of its drive to become one of the world's

Mr Tae-gou said yesterday that Daewoo would be making top ten vehicle producers by the end of the decade. 2 million cars a year by 1998 two years ahead of schedule. Half will be made abroad. Un-That road is harder now. Western car companies have raised quality standards and fazed by the dissolution of its

Unorthodox pitch . . . Daewoo's Rotherham showroom

vears ago. Daewoo is developing three new cars from scratch. The first will be launched at the end of this developed faster than typical Japanese lead times. Armed with these new products, year in Korea and in the UK six months later. The cars are Daewoo is planning an aggressive assault on Europe and to launch in the US. Of almed at the high volume parts of the market, compet-

To date Daewoo has spurned traditional car retail-

ing in the UK for a more innovative approach. The company has set up its own distribution system, prices its The Guardian Thursday June 13 1996

Metal users Bayer looks at in attack on drugs London role sell-off

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lerly market in the metal.

Paul Hurphy

Financial staff

Bayes, one of Ger-many's three big three chemicals companies, acknowledged last night that it could spin off its drugs division into a sub-sidiary which could be merged with another company.

Finance director Helmut Lochr told a chemicals ininstry conference: "We're looking for candidates, but haven't found anybody who naets our criteria."

Mr Loehr made it clea that any such move would have to be made on an friendly basis, and that any pariner would have to pro-

vide both a product and a geographical fit. There has been speculation that several of the world's big chemicals comanies could spin off their drugs businesses following the demerger of Zeneca from ICI and the restructuring of the pharmaceuti-cals industry in a series of

Hoechst, another of the big German chemicals firms, says it sees a spin-off of its pharmaceuticals acas a mediam-term tivities possibility. In April, Bayer reported

a better-than-expected 14 per cent increase in firstquarter pre-tax profit, as productivity gains lifted earnings and acquisitions fueled sales. Pre-tax profit rose to 1.16 billion marks (£496 million) on sales of 12.2 billion marks.

The company operates in more than 180 countries, and makes products including polymers, industrial chemicals, healthcare items and imaging technol

Hongkong Telecom in talks to end monopoly

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ONGKONG Telecom, the lucrative jewe) in Cable & Wireless's increased demand, espe-cially for data

lower at 417p. The bad news | profit margins of its interna-was partly offset by C&W's | tional calls business. The announcement of plans for a \$300 million upgrade of its | come under pressure from the come under pressure from the World Trade Organisation, Mercury Communications which is seeking an end to national telecom monopolies. network in the UK to meet

sified their long-running investigation into several coper market particinants. Last month there was news

of police raids in the Channel Islands — part of what the change's status as the world's premier forum police described as an investifor trading non-fer-rous metals came under scru-tiny yesterday after indus believed to be related to deeltrial users of copper questioned whether it was ings in the copper market. Thre is no evidence that apable of maintaining an or-

action by either the regulators or the Channel Islands The doubts were expressed in a letter sent by Tetsuro Kawakami, chairman of the police has sparked the recent market volatility.

Particularly sharp move International Wrought Copover recent days in the price per Council, to the LME's chairman, Raj Bagri, following unprecedented volaof copper have prompted stories about LME members suffering huge trade losses tility in the copper price over the past few days. and being forced to dismiss staff. Rumours have centred

The past rew days. The letter is said to cast doubt on whether the copper price set through trading on the exchange should even be on the activities of one powerful dealer at a Far Eastern in-stitution, who was said to used as a reference point by have resigned this week.

His employer has said he industrial users of the metal. has not resigned, but con-Thee was no response from the LMR last night to the concerns about the trader's mar-ket conduct have persisted.

The disclosure came on the At the same time, there have been reports of severe strains in relations between eve of today's LME annual members' meeting, with parthe exchange and the SFA. The LME has responsibility ticipants due to discuss one of the biggest crises in the ex-

for regulating the copper mar-ket itself, while the SFA monchange's 109-year history. In the space of three weeks, the London benchmark price itors activities of individual of copper - used by producers and various other British trading entities which use the market indirectly. ers and users alike, ranging from Chilean mine operators

issues are about transparen-cy, knowing who traded with whom, when and at what price. It is a very, very secreers — has crashed, from \$2,800 (£1,850) a tonne to below \$1,500 a tonne at one stage. The price closed at \$2,365 yesterday. tive market.

The price collapse has been created by rumours that de-tails of a market-rigging scan-The SFA concern about the copper market is known to date back to the summer of 1994 when routing copper brokers indicated that Regulators from the Securi-

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PHOTOGRAPH: DON MCPH A mini, executive car and Next year the company plana people carrier will follow, all to soll 150,000 cars in the US.

crown, lost some of its lustre vesterday after it revealed

dal are about to break.

One official said: "The key to Japanese car manufactur-

CLIVITY. OTTER LING oint venture experience with the Japanese. Technology has also advanced, making it harder to break into markets dominated by safety regulations and growing consumer expectation. And Korea itself is no

longer a low-cost manufactur ing location. As one Daewoo employee remarked yester-day, Tyne and Wear is now cheaper than Seoul Korean success in electronics and other types of engineering has brought demand for higher living standards.

This follows an announcement last year that the Japanese car firm is to invest \$200 million to make a second model range at its Burnaster factory in Derbyshire, The Deeside plant will recruit about 40 people next year, increasing employment by more than 20 per cent, to make a 1.3-litre engine for the Corolla car, which goes has production at Burnantan in 1980. Royan Anthony, director of the Deeside plant, said Toyota had again "placed its confidence in the UK to produce Toyota quality engines". But for all that, Western car makers are uneasy about the stream of statements being made by Korean business leaders. Ford chairman and chief executive Alex Trotman quality engine Under the plans, 50,000 engines a year spoke for many Western car

The Underside

with General Motors four 600 models. year, 100,000 went to Europe.

Toyota to expand its Welsh engine plant

TOYOTA provided a filip for North Wales yesterday by pledging a £2.5 million ex-pansion plan and new jobs for its Deeside engine plant, writes Chris Berrie. will be made for the Corolia. Counied with with be made for the Corona. Compared with higher output of existing 1.6 and 1.8-litre engines for Burnaston and a joint venture factory in Turkey, Deceide's output should increase from 110,000 this year to 170,000 This follows an announcement last year

the main points in favour of News in brief

treating the "dancers" as self-employed — "specific movements [were] not set out in contract[s]" — in-

deed, the peep-ees may not even have contracts with

peep-show owners. But the court satisfied itself that

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to consumers, and by employ-ing unusual car retail techgovernment was discussing niques such as free refresh-ments, good childcare, and video walls. changes to the monopoly, only two months after it had Daewoo's all-inclusive pric-

ing strategy (incorporating such items as air condition-ing and ABS) won a 1 per cent market share in the UK in its first year. The group's founder, Kim Woo-Choong, will want more and, on past record he will get it record, he will set it.

that it was discussing an early end to its international calls monopoly.

The company, which con-tributes the bulk of C&W's for cash would be complicated by the Chinese takeover of profits, is demanding a large the colony next year, but he added that that he was "open-minded" about any trade-off. one off navment to compensate for any curtailment of its grip on the colony's interna-Local analysts said that the

Chinese would not be happy with a large transfer of funds News that the Hong Kong from government coffers to the company. They added that even if compensation were confirmed it would ran until paid, the company would find \$1.31 billion open 2006, knocked HKT shares it hard to find new invest-and left C&W shares 140 ments to match the high Kong operations.

Linus Cheung, HKT's chief executive, said that talks on agreed to open their market fully to competition by Janutrading part of the monopoly ary 1, 1998.

HKT, which is 58 per cent owned by London-based C&W, lost its 73-year-old monopoly on Hong Kong's local calls last year, when three new competitors were allowed to enter the market. It also faces competition in the mobile phone market.

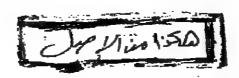
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C&W reported last month that £920 million of its £1.31 billion operating profit was generated by its Hong



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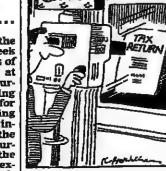


PEEP Dan Atkinson NASTY shock for the Chancellor last week as he did the rounds of TV and radio studios at Millbank to explain his surprise base-rate cut. During this little tour, he asked for a check on how sterling was faring, but a BBC minion had to hand only the hugely unfavourable tour-ist rates, rather than the F

ound's proper foreign-exchange value. The minion's caveat to that effect did not register, and the colour trained from Three Pints' face at the thought of a fivepfennig drop against the mark and a five-cent dive against the dollar.

turks momentarily lost his cool during a recent, critical telephone call. Gazing out of Boston's plush Cabot Square offices in London's Docklands, he in London's locklands, he saw a boat that had been ploughing up the middle of the Thames suddenly sink without trace. Rumour has without trace. Rumour has it he cut the deal anyway. (At least the hapless crew didn't have to worry about sharks in the water.)

LOYD'S of London may have nearly completed its ambitious rescue plan, but peace has yet to break out at Lime Street. A storm is due over the sug-gestion by leading Names action group chairman Alan Porter that the chairman of the Lloyd's Names Associations' Working Party, Christopher Stock-The court accepted one of War's over, we lost.



book-signing by author Lindsey Davis; her latest, A Dying Light in Cordoba, contains "a mixture of po-litical intrigue, an exotic Spanish dancer and im-pending fatherhood", all of which "add to the troubles of inimitable Roman sleuth Marour Didlus Falco as he ate. As there are about 13,500 litigating Lloyd's Names, this could add up to a substantial sum. Mr Por-Marcus Didius Falco as he ter says the action groups could claim back the money investigates the fiercely competitive world of oliveout of the Lloyd's settle-ment offer. That would oil production." reduce the compensation pot for the Names. It will be interesting to see how grateful those unselfish Names prove to be.

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WHILE Britain's National Lottery doles out grants to prostitutes in Scotland. Germany prefers to put pro-fessional titillators on PAYE. The financial court in Minster ruled bast much odd diplomatic point to jolly along moves to lift the beef blockade, Three Pints tore another hole in the blanket ban on being nice to cers. This was no off-thestitution. Mr Clarke's apcaff decision, the reasoning behind it was argued out proach was described as

Celltech disposal raises £42m

had a "dancer" remained motionless. her "working CELLTECH, the biotechnology group, raised £42 million for drug product development by selling part of the company yesterday. Shares in Celltech responded positively to the sale of its biologics unit to the chemical division of Alusuisse-Lonza relationship would cer-Holdings, hitting a high of 660p. Peter Allen, the finance direc-tor, said the sale meant the firm would not have to tap the HEY say The Archers has been revved up out market for cash to expand Celltech Therapeutics, its drug of recognition, but Italdevelopment division. -- Sarah Ryle

ian agribusiness — at least in fiction — would seem to be showing Ambridge the way home. Dillons in Picce-Growing boardroom rewards

FURTHER evidence of rising boardroom rewards emerged yesterday when David Quarmby, the former joint managing director of supermarkets group. Sainsbury was given 200,000 for loss of office and Keith Edelman, the chief executive who has presided over the renaissance of Mothercare and Bhs group. Storehouse, was given bonuses worth £770,000 over two years. Storehouse's annual report shows Mr Edelman earned £910,000 prohubing persident entry in the 12 membre Margh.

escluding pension contributions in the 12 months to March — a rise of 41 per cent on the year before. Sainsbury's annual report revealed that Mr Quarmby can keep share options with a current market value of almost £250.000. — Lisu Buckingham

NatWest sells Spanish arm

A FINAL word on our Chancellor, whose sup-port for Britain's nonco-operation policy in Europe has been less than 100 nc cent we hear. While NATIONAL Westminster Bank announced yesterday the sale of 80 per cent of Banco NatWest Espana. Its last major overseas retail network, to the Barcelona-based Banco Sahadell. The bank, which had been in the Spanish market for more than 10 years, has not yet agreed a price for the 200 branches. — Sarah Whitebloom

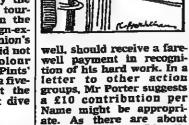
BAA reveals £418m profit

BRITISH Airports Authority announced a 14.2 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £118 million yesterday, reflecting a 6.7 per cent increase in passenger numbers to 93.6 million and an 8.1 per cent in revenue to £1.25 billion. BAA has offered its 3,500 staff at Heathrow £200 each if they switch from using cars to public transport. — Keith Harper

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Tour match: Australia B 51, Wales 41

Wales go walkabout

David Plummer

HE Welsh tourists retreat to Moree in the Australian out-

back today after going walkabout a day early at Ballymore in Brisbane and suffering a fourth consecutive tour defeat.

tour defeat. In an explosive opening, Australia B ran in 24 points in as many minutes and Nigel Davies, Wales's skipper for the day, admitted; "That was effectively the end of the game. Once we got into our stride we proved we can com-pete with them, but we have to make sure we start our to make sure we start our remaining three games far better and more positively." The only consolation for

Wales was that they finished the stronger and outscored

the stronger and outscored the opposition comprehen-sively in the final quarter. "Of course I don't like us conceding nine tries, but we did score six ourselves and we are looking at the positives like that," said the coach Kevin Bowring. "We came back in the second half when we started running at them. When we do that they are as human as anyone else." But it was too little too late. The Wales rally was sparked

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by all Arwel Inomas penalty goal. The full-back Wayne Proctor then scored a exciting solo try and the impressive wing Dafydd James followed him over minutes later. That burst roused the Aus-tralians and they moved clear again, but the centre Gareth Thomas responded by slicing through after outstanding build-up work by Andy

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HE man who gave his name to a sportswear company and who provided this memorable image of the prop forward from the primeval swamp will return with the Lions to South Africa next summer. 20 years after this photograph was taken in

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Fran Cotton was yester day named manager of the Lions team to tour South Africa, the four home unions having given him the nod over his fellow Lan-castrian Bill Beaumont, an-

other former England cap-tain. The coaches will be named before the begin-ning of next season.

who will be 49 when the Lions fly off next May to play three Tests on a sevenweek trip, has been on three Lions tours, one in

Shiel. The Newcastle scrum-half Gary Armstrong, who played his last international against Ireland two years ago. is recalled for his fourth game against the All Blacks. The wing Ken Logan also returns after being overlooked for the Five Nations Championship. In the pack Scotland opt for experience, with Damian Cro-nin preferred to Stewart New Zealand and two in South Africa. His last playing trip to South Africa in 1980 was cut short by a beart tissue infection which forced him to return home before the

nin preferred to Stewart and 1981. His task next year, he said, would be to persuade

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Racing

Shawanni can prove top of the class

Ron Cox

ShawANNI brings a touch of class to pro-ceedings at Newbury today when the Godolphin filly, a creditable sixth in the French 1,000 Guineas last month, reappears in the Ballymacoll Stud Stakes. She was highly regarded by Barry Hills. who trained her last season. and remains a useful prospect judging by her entry in the Group One Eclipse Stakes next month. That also suggests Shawanni is thought likely to

stay a mile and a quarter, the distance she steps up to this afternoon after figuring prominently to the furlong marker in the Longchamp Classic won by Ed Dunlop's Ta Pib Ta Rib.

Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin operation has had to contend with a few setbacks this season, but they got back on track with Fatefully at Yarmouth yesterday and Shawanni (3.30) should be hard to beat here. The same applies to Mau-

rice Camacho's useful seven furlongs handicapper Hi Nod (3.00). He has everything in his fayour here and looked better than ever when defying

10st on his reappearance. Frankie Dettori, who partners Shawanni, completed a races at tonight's fixture.

Dwyer yesterday.

Claimed out of David Chap-man's stable for 5,000gns, Sea-Deer produced a strong late run to collar Mousehole and earn a penalty which takes his weight up to 10st 6lb

tonight. "I was tempted to claim off him tomorrow as I thought he would win today and get a 6lb Would win today and get a 6lb penalty. He has a lot of weight, but Frankie is worth the extra few pounds," said Dwyer after yesterday's win. In fact Sea-Deer remains well enough treated on his old form and in his current mood he looks worth following. Voodoo Rocket (9 00)

Voodoo Rocket (9.00), trained by John Gosden for "Rolling Stone" Ron Wood. can be expected to step up on previous form now that she runs in a handicap for the first time.

She can round off a success She can round on a success-ful evening for Dettori, who has been installed 7-4 second favourite for the Ritz Club Trophy at Royal Ascot next week with Coral. Mick Kinane is their 5-4 favourite to be leading jockey at the meeting

at the meeting. Ladbrokes clipped Yeast to 8-1 from 10-1 for the Royal Hunt Cup, which is the target for Reg Akehurst's Tregaron, a 14-1 chance.

Tregaron needs 29 horses weighted above him to drop out in order to make the cut. More worrying is the form of Akehurst's horses - the 21-1 treble at Yarmouth yes-terday and could go one bet-ter by winning the last four "I'm normally in the twen-

He is back on board Sea-ties at this stage," said Ake-Deer (7.30), who makes a hurst "We've sent blood off to quick reappearance after the virologists and we've had scoring on his first outing for he horses scoped but we've Newmarket trainer Chris not been able to find anything wrong.

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Cotton picked . . . the Lions manager yesterday and in New Zealand in 1977 COLIN ELSEY

a fourth try when he darted over from a penalty, and the flanker Andrew Gibbs also forced his way over the line. The fly-half Arwel Thomas had the final word, throwing an outrageous durumy and darting over. His conversion gave him 16 points, but the scoreline flattered Wales, who Bowring admitted had been "hanging on by our bootlaces at times". New Zealand. at times". Wales face a massive task of raising morale for their final three games, including the second Test in Sydney on Sat-

urday week. ● The London Scottish centre Ron Eriksson will make his full Scotland debut in the first Toxic actions the first Test against New Zealand at The former prop forward,

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EURO 96 The good, the bad and the indifferent

Group A

England

TERRY VENABLES may be taking the current fad for Sixties football nostalgia too far. Remembering the days when Jim Baxter beat England on his own after a week on the tiles, the coach seems to have evolved a theory of beating the Scots by packing his own side with latter-day Baxters. Let's get the whole thing over with, the instinct says, and avoid further humiliation before moving quietly into the Hoddle era. But odd things can happen. Shearer, after all, had only one decent chance against Switzerland, and converted it. More probably the nightmare will play itself to an early conclusion. Entertainment value: 3/10

Switzerland

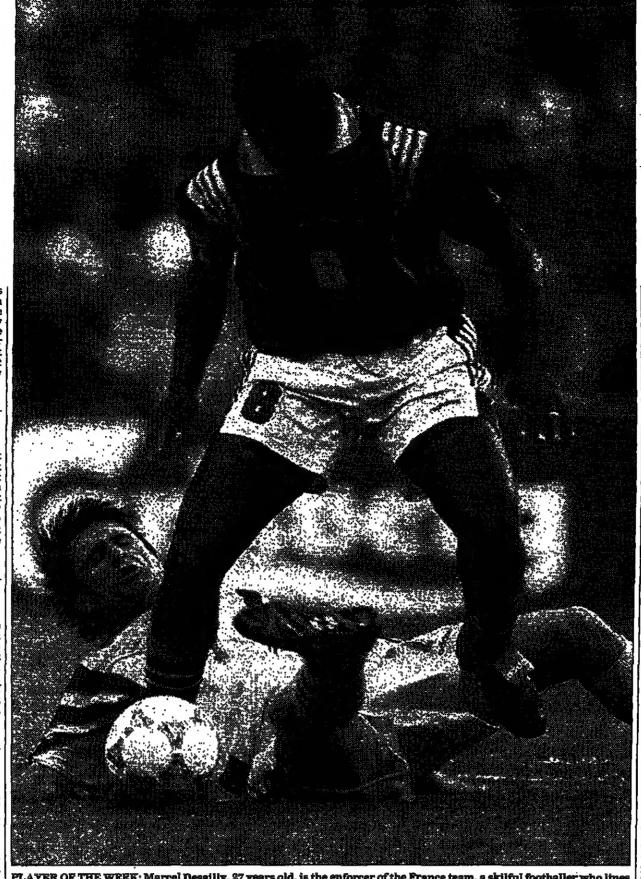
WOULD they have beaten England, had Artur Jorge not decided to leave Sutter and Knup at home? The elegant Ciriaco Sforza ran the early stages of the game against England with some conviction, and Johann Vogel looked a fine prospect once McManaman had been removed, but lacking a fully fit Stéphane Chapuisat they seemed no better than lightweights. Too predictable, probably, to cause the Dutch great concern tonight; and if there is still something at stake for the Scots by the time they meet, the Swiss are unlikely to provide an insurmountable barrier. Entertainment value: 4/10

Holland

NOT as threatening as expected, partly because of the enforced absences (Overmars, Blind, Frank de Boer, a fit Kluivert) but more significantly because they miss the guid-ing spirit of Frank Rijkaard as much as Ajax did against Juventus in the European Cup final. If Guus Hiddink has a solution, it is unlikely to involve his misguided belief in Jordi Curver The one places with the ability to calvanies the lite of Cruyff. The one player with the ability to galvanise the likes of Seedorf and Davids is Dennis Bergkamp, if he could bring himself to stop sulking about being required to play up front and take a proper degree of responsibility. Entertainment value: 6/10

Scotland

IF they can continue to play as they did against Holland, with passion and luck but also with concentration, they will carry on winning friends in unlikely places (in other words, England). Nobody outside Holland begrudged them Collins's penalty let-off; the player himself had earned it with a display that must be making Monaco think they have a bargain on their hands. Thanks to Craig Brown's good-humoured open-ness and the whole side's modesty, this is one Scotland squad not imperilled by hubris. But they need goals, probably from Spencer, if they are to make progress. Entertainment value: 5/10



PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Marcel Desailly, 27 years old, is the enforcer of the France team, a skilful footballer who lines up alongside Laurent Blanc in the back four but is also happy to advance into the 'holding' midfield position — the role in which, on behalf of Milan, he destroyed Barcelona in the 1994 European Cup final. Any team wanting to beat France will have to get by Desailly first.

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Richard Williams attempts to unravel the plot after the end of the competition's first chapter and assesses each side for entertainment value

Group B

France

AFTER an uncertain start they profited from a fortunate goal to dominate Romania with a pattern notable for the mobility and subtle medium-range interpassing of the front three players. Dugarry (or Loko), Zidane and Djorkaeff work off the steady platform provided by Deschamps, Karembeu and Guërin; they in turn can do their work in the knowledge that, in Desailly and Blanc, Aimé Jacquet has the tournament's strongest central defence. After 10 wins in a row, their morale is at a peak; the evidence is the enthusiasm with which the is at a peak, the evidence is the enthusiasm with which the forwards press up on the opposing defance. Entertainment value: 8/10

Bulgaria

PRACTICALLY pawing the ground in his impatience, the perennially ill-tempered Hristo Stoichkov seems ready to perennially ill-tempered Hristo Stoichkov seems ready to imleash a whole season's energy over the next three weeks. The fans back in Parma, for whom he scored exactly four goals last year in Serie A, may be less than enchanted. The rest of us will hope for more displays like the one he gave against Spain, during which he had a gorgeous goal unjustly disallowed. At 30, this is probably his last stand: the same goes for Lechkov, Penev, Kostadinov, Ivanov and Kiriakov, and the signs are they will be giving it a real go. Entertainment value: 7/10

Spain

WHATEVER the Spanish team achieve this month, we are unlikely to forget the tall, upstanding figure of Fernando Hierro firing his rocket shots from the middle distance against Bulgaria. His team-mates blend skill with spite, an interesting combination that should prove too much for Romania and may even give France a serious problem. But the Spaniards more than most will need to watch out for second yellow cards, after four cautions (and the sending-off of the striker Pizzi, whom they will miss) in the opening match. The experience throughout the side may take them further. Entertainment value: 6/10

Romania

THEY started with a familiar assurance against France, but lost heart and coherence after goalkeeper Stelea's misjudged excursion allowed Dugarry to head home off a defender's shoulder. The great Gheorghe Hagi looks fitter than he did at the World Cup two years ago, but on Monday every chance that came to one of the world's best laft-footed players seemed to arrive on his wrong side. And West Ham's management must be having the sort of doubts about Raducioiu that thorough scouting would have revealed much earlier. Another ageing side, now functioning on memory. Entertainment value: 5/10



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Group C

Germany

Russia

NO ONE likes us; we don't care. Among those who apparently disapprove of the Germans is David Elleray, who gave them six cautions during a match otherwise notable for their clinical efficiency. So Thomas Hassler and Andreas Möller, as close as you will find to a pair of classical inside forwards in modern football, each has a yellow card to carry through the rest of the tournament; a heavy burden for the team's creators. Jürgen Klinsmann's return from suspension should improve their overall watchability, but probably not enough to make them loved. Entertainment value: 4/10

italy

Czech Republic

THE victory over Russia represented a vastly impressive opening for a team that traditionally starts slowly. All Arrigo Sacchi's decisions paid off at once, notably the brave removal of the wonderboy Del Piero in favour of the gnarled Donadoni, correcting the balance of the side by stabilising the left flank. The effort of Maldini and the reverse angle passing of Zola were awesome, while the swift elegance with which Casiraghi took his goals put those whose memories go back further than Schillaci and Rossi in mind of the dashing Pietro Anastasi. An Italy-France final would be something to see. Entertainment value: 8/10

Croatia

Portugal

HAVING refused to get out of first gear in their friendly against England at Wembley in April, the Croatians changed up against Turkey — but only to second. Davor Suker and Alen Boksic missed what chances were made, while their captain, the talented Zvonimir Boban, seems to be suffering from a variety of the disease that afflicted Ray Wilkins in an Iron a variety of the disease that annoted way when it in international shirt: an excessive sense of responsibility. Boban needs to get up with the strikers, and sometimes beyond, if Croatia are to justify the claims made on their behalf. But Goran Vlaovic's late breakaway goal was a beauty. Entertainment value: 5/10

Denmark

THEY may have partied their way to the trophy in 1992, but Denmark are adopting a very different attitude to the defence of the title. Faced with Portugal's rapturous improvisations, they sat back and conducted a holding operation, waiting for the gaps to appear before committing themselves. Once on the attack they moved well without looking irresistible, although Brian Laudrup's contributions were invariably both damag-ing and attractive to watch, and his goal was a cracker. His brother Michael, by contrast, wasn't with it at all. But Peter Schmeichel's presence remains a hugely reassuring factor. Entertainment value: 5/10

Turkey

THEY are delighted to be here, for their first big tournament since 1954 — and it showed against Croatia, when all their terrific motivation and sometimes overcommitted tackling was not enough to enable them to hold out against much better footballers operating on a lower flame. The blond wing-back Ercan Abdullah worked as hard as anyone, and often to better effect, but Galatasaray's Hakan Sukur did nothing to better effect, but Galatasaray's Hakan Sukur did nothing to suggest that he is capable of troubling other defences more than he did the Croatians. A learning experience for the players and coaches then, and a treat for their fans. Entertainment value: 1/10

IN the entire tournament, will we see football more pleasing than Russia's first-half performance against Italy? Nobody who watched Spartak Moscow against Blackburn Rovers last autumn could have been surprised by the easy control, the fluid movement, the oblique angles of running and passing, the sheer coherence of the Russians' play. Or by the panache with which Ilya Tsymbalar, twice his country's Player of the Year, took his chance. Alas, it wasn't enough. When Italy reorganised and raised the pressure, Russia had no answer — as may well happen when they meet Germany. Entertainment value: 7/10 Entertainment value: 7/10

NOT much sign bare of the pedigree that, in slightly different geopolitical form, produced the winners of the 1976 tourna-ment. Oh well, not all 16 sides arriving for Euro 96 were going to be full of bright characters and smart tactics, and on the evidence of their first game the Czechs look a pallid lot. Patrik Berger perked things up when he came on against Germany; a place in the starting line-up for the 22-year-old attacking midfielder from Borussia Dortmund might improve the qual-ity of their performance against Italy, but it is hard to see where they are going to get a point from. Entertainment value: 2/10

honorary South Americans, meaning they construct their play according to an entirely different set of rhythms. Who didn't enjoy watching Ruí Costa, Paulo Sousa, Joao Pinto and Sa Pinto pitting their wits against the watchful Danes? One would like to be able to say that they are strangers to cupictum but heap Bintic due meaners that Still after set cynicism, but Joao Pinto's dive prevents that. Still, after years of Under-21 success, perhaps this is the team to restore the senior side to a status unknown since Eusebio's day. Entertainment value: 9/10

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Golf

David Davies in Detroit finds the world's top players checking their survival kits on the eve of the US Open

Monster lurking green and mean

days, but Oakland Hills is by common consent the most brutal examination ever offered to those who called in to toughen it up. He want to win the US Open championship. Its nickname, for the first 54 holes of the bestowed by none other than Ben Hogan, is The Monster.

This morning 156 players will try if not to overcome it The first was Clayton Heafner then at least to survive it. in who, in those days before onthe 96th playing of the US Open, which has come to this course for the sixth time; only to relay to him what Hogan, Oakmont with seven has the defending champion, was hosted more, which says | doing further back. something about the sadistic tendencies within the United What he heard was mostly bad news, but he kept his head and composed a round of States Golf Association.

The course has produced 69, widely accepted within the some very different champi- clubhouse as good enough to ons. Andy North, whose en- win. Hogan, the last player on tire career embraced but three victories, won his second US Open in 1985, the last time it was played at Oakland Hills, but against that three over in the third round. the two previous winners, in 1961 and 1951 respectively, were the classicist Gene Lit- them in two under, for a

HE course is only ther and then Hogan himself. round of 67 and a win by two 6,927 yards long, not indisputably one of the three shots. exceptional these greatest players ever. The disconsolate Heafner The disconsolate Heafner Before the event was played was sitting in the locker room

in 1951. Robert Trent Jones. when Hogan came in. "Conthe course architect, was gratulations, Ben," he said. "Thanks, Clayton," said the succeeded to the extent that man whose concentration was a byword. "What did you competition no one broke the shoot? par of 70, and in the final At the presentation cere-

mony Hogan said: "I'm just glad that I brought this course, this monster, to its knees." And from then on, The Monster it has been. This year's version fea-

tures, as always, rough that is six inches high. It is so thick and currently so wet that it requires a wedge to rescue your ball.

It is necessary, then, to stay out of it, the more so to have a decent chance of going for the pin. This is desirable because the greens are, according to Jack Nicklaus, "the most difficuit to putt that I've ever seen". Colin Montgomerie says they are "the most severe I've ever putted", and both would



Three ages of golf . . . Jack Nicklaus, left, Tom Watson and Tiger Woods practising their art

harder than those at Augusta. The contours are extremely steep and there are ridges running from front to back as well is from side to side. The club professional Pat

Croswell, discussing them, said that if the greens were relatively slow, because of the recent rains, then a 10-foot putt would have three to four feet of break; if they quickened up during the week that

would go to five feet. "I can't think of a harder course," said Corey Pavin, the defending champion; and Nick Faldo, the Masters champion, agreed with The Monster tag. "There could be a few other choice phrases for it as well after this week," he added. Faldo in theory is one of the function

favourites. His assessment of what a likely winner will need concurs with that of most others - "just churn out a lot of pars" - and there is no bet-

ter churner. "You've got to get into a mode that says par is good. Even if you hit it to six leet and miss the birdie putt, that's still par, and good. There are some pin positions out there where you have to hit your career shot just to miss the creen in the right place and have half a chance to get up and down. It's a very, very lemanding course.

Faldo is the only man this year who can do the Grand Slam. a monumental task which he refuses to discount how many three-put greens how many three-put greens as impossible. "But if Nicklaus and Hogan couldn't do it," he said, "that shows you what it is: fractionally higher than Everest."

Montgomerie is another theoretical favourite, given that he specialises in the principal demand made by the course: straight driving. He also feels that conditions in the US Open and the USPGA | course. The Monsterburger.

in Paris tend to by pass or fail miserably at the Stella Artois suit him, not surprisingly since he has reached a play Championship. Not since off in both championships. John McEnroe in 1984 has a French Open finalist won But there are a couple of lips on his confidence front. nere. Ivan Lendl and Stefan In his last three tournaments Edberg were two who fell at he has made poor starts, and the first hurdle. for him that is a Catch-22 situ-An ambivalent Michael Stich might well have sufation. "You have to think

about it to cure it, but the more you think about it the worse it gets," he said. The culty "keeping my mind on what I was supposed to be doing' he bung on for a 7-6, 6-7, 6-2 win. He did not enjoy you can keep it down to." At least Montgomerie, now his work, he said, but was happy with the outcome. In action again only three a non-snacker, will not be

tempted by an item on sale in the clubhouse. It is a "ninedays after losing his third Grand Slam final. Stich was inch hamburger, grilled as de-sired, and served with saustill trying to work out how he had lost in three sets to teed onions on a Kaiser roll with your choice of cheeses and lettuce, tomatoes, mayon-naise and pickles". It is, of

dropping only six points on serve. "I hope my tennis was better than Croatia's soccer. LAYERS who flourish he joked. "I was unbelievable. If I can play like that at Wim-

bledon I will be dangerous." Ivanisevic today meets the in-form Edberg, who denied Sandon Stolle a third successive win against him by de-feating the tall Australian 7-6, 6-3. It was only after saving a set point in the tie break that Edberg established a lead, and in a nervy second set which saw 18 double faults (eight by Stolle) served in six games the Swede's nerve fered the same fate against the American Michael Joyce yesterday but despite diffi-

proved the stronger. Hopes of having two home players in the third round for the first time were high but Greg Rusedski capitulated feebly to Todd Woodbridge and Tim Henman failed to build on a good start against Andrei Olhovskiy.

Rusedski's lack of athleticism and an overdependence on a serve that blew hot and Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov after producing one of the matches of his life in the precold were painfully evident as the meticulous Australian vious round. "I still don't get outwitted him 6-1, 6-2 in 62 minutes. "He took his chances, I didn't," said Ru-sedski — but there was far more to it than that. it. Perhaps someone can help me if they do."

He hopes his disappoint-ment will soon recede and that he can recover the form Henman won the first set and positive attitude that on a 7-4 tie-break after recov ering from 0-40 in the 11th game. But after being broken swept him past Thomas Muster. After successive firstround defeats at Wimbledon - where he won in 1991 - he early in the second he failed to square the match from 2-3 and 40-15. "My forehand is anxious to redeem himself. Moments of sheer class yesreturn let me down," he said terday, particularly in the first-set tie-break and the last "I would have liked the op portunity to play Muster. It's four games of the third, sugdisappointing I missed it. sested he may not need to dig

Henman and Rusedski now move on to Nottingham. Five too deeply to get back in the former Queen's Club champi-ons, Stich, Edberg, Boris Whereas Stich toiled for almost two hours to achieve a Becker. Todd Martin and result, Goran Ivanisevic beat | Wayne Ferreira, remain in Martin Damm 6-2, 6-2 in 41 contention for Sunday's minutes, firing 14 aces and £53,000 winner's prize,

Wood knocked off champion's perch

Richard Jago in Birmingham

groove.

To attempt this she cut down the pace but could rarely find any accuracy,

tating and, although the third N LESS than an hour's and the consequent pressure Arendt applied with her competition since becoming the first home winner return of serve forced Wood of Beckenham for 29 years, to rush her volleys or WIIO -Clare Wood was beaten ves emain at the b would have been run out had terday. From champion to The British challenge ended with defeats for Sa-mantha Smith, beaten 7-5, Emburey's throw hit, tried a quick oblivion was a consingle to Walton at backward fusing experience to suffer in the first round of the 6-3 by Holland's Miriam point and once more the Oremans, Karen Cross, who went out 6-2, 6-2 to Maria Strandlund of Sweden, and throw was deadly accurate. DFS Classic here at the Pri-Goodnight Paul. ory Club, particularly as it was inflicted by an opponent Those two moments set Warwickshire right back and not obviously much better Megan Miller. Miller led 5-1 and held not even Dermot Reeve's imthan those the British No. 1 provisation could revive overcame last week. three set points in the second set before going down 7-5, 7-5 against the 14th seed and Olympic Nicole Arendt, the world No. 100 from the United them this time. In quick succession Shaun Pollock, who had scored a championship century on this States, beat her 6-3. 6-1 after Wood, with the first of doubles champion Gigi Fer-two successive double nandez, who shook of her ground at the start of the month, heaved David Capel to long-on; Graeme Welch early lethargy and won six faults, missed a point for 4-4 in the first set. successive games. The challenge of the missed a sweep at Emburey Not only were the wheels and was disgruntled to be given out lbw; and the last second seed Nathalie Taustarting to come off when she dropped serve again at the start of the second set, but a smash buried into the ziat appeared certain to end two batsmen were run out, when the Frenchwoman, playing her first match on grass since last year's Wim-**Keith Piper misjudging the** telescopic capacity at midnet from only eight feet away to concede yet another wicket of Curtly Ambrose's bledon after receiving a bye left arm and Ashley Giles sein the first round, had to break at 1-4 suggested the duced by the same fielder's axle might be working loose save six successive match points from 0-6 in the fumble. as well "To say I am disappointed The contribution of Am-Sweeping judgment . . . Warren appeals, Welch departs, upset at being given out lbw off Emburey second-set tie-break. Yet she brose to Northamptonshire won 4-6, 7-6, 6-3 against the is an understatement." she stand with Smith that had recover from 88 for six. His bowling, on some juicy expectations of those who this season has been a revelasaid. "I was looking forward Thai qualifier Tamarine thought his batting, though not chicken, certainly erred towards headlessness, and tion for those who have seen pitches, has been awesome at to capitalising on Becken-ham with a good run here. Tanasugarn. "Her father was complainhis apparent moodiness in previous seasons. Now he times too, and although this was never a good one-day Instead Walton, a novice batsman but one sufficiently been worth 82. Although they are a deing about the line decision It's a jolt and I'll have to craves involvement, catching flies at slip instead of a chill at third man, patrolling the pitch — too dry, slow, and cracking like a dry riverbed — it was his yorker which pleted outfit at the moment, Warwickshire will wonder if clued up to pass up the York-shire Academy ("it would have been two wasted years") anade an unbesten 70. That alone would have earned him the Gold Award. With his make sure I bounce back. on the first match point,' said Tauziat. "I was laugh-ing at him and after that I Wood's biggest difficulty. there are also a few cracks apappeared to be serving to the backhand of a left-hander whose forehand was potent. ripped through Dominic Ostler for 33 to end the fielding as well he deserved to have gone platinum. played really well. He helped me a lot." pearing in the fortress. A year ago Northamptonshire would for the opportunity to further his education, exceeded the infield skittishly, and just enjoying himself. Sailing Chess achieved the Olympic qualify-Sport in brief ing standard, has pulled out League ready to fast-track Second Division club to bolster Welsh presence Problems end because of injury and the Karpov wins Commonwealth champion Ice Hockey non-stop trip with black Denise Lewis, the only Brit-Wayne Cowley has signed for ish heptathlete to have a German club, leaving the achieved the Olympic stan dard, has pulled out. Sheffield Steelers without **Bob Fisher** Leonard Barden an experienced netminder BRITAIN: More S Shirley (Belgrave), B Taylor (Old Gaytonians), B Thomas (Shefireid), A Southward (Stockport) Womene J Bennett (Escora Sevel), S Oamen (City of Stoke), K Jany (Wakatieid) V Scolledd (Betherham). now up to the South Wales di-rectors to prove they can return to Cardiff at the end of match "pound for pound" the the season; and sooner or tably Wigan's Va'aiga Marty McKay left the British An impressive win with the black pieces after 45 moves and 5% hours' play in SAMANTHA BREWSTER, blogged by technical prob-lems, has abandoned her atchampions recently because Cowley was keeping him out of the side. money that would be theirs as later St Helens' Scott Gibbs Tuigamala. tempt to sail solo, non-stop around the world the "wrong Hockey will surely go back to his London Broncos are the fourth game of the Fide members of the Super reported to have opened negoway". world championship at Elista, Britain's teams both take on roots. Kalmykia to take a 2%-1% lead over the American Gata League Griffiths feels that a Super Brewster, aboard the 67ft Cricket tiations with the 25-year-old Olympic champions today. Clive Griffiths, coach to Heath Insured, was sailing north to Ushant, where she Bath and England rugby union forward Steve Ojomoh. League club would solve this writes Pat Rowley. On the South Wales and the princi-Kamsky. At the end his pieces problem, as top players will opening day of the four-nations pality side, has been pleading and have also been linked would have had to turn for dominated the board and for the establishment of a move to a top club but not one tournaments at Milton Keynes. News and Scores with Bath's Ireland wing Santos, Brazil to complete her Kamsky resigned when faced Super League club there as in the Second Division. the men meet Germany for the Meanwhile, several clubs will lose overseas players to with the loss of a bishop. Simon Geoghegan, who lives circumnavigation, when she 0891 22 88+ third time this year and the the only way rugby league decided to quit because of problems with her diesel gen-Karpov again opened with his favourite Caro-Kann Deand works in London. women play Spain. will take a serious hold in A charge of conspiring to defraud the Wigan Observer Counties update the Super League Oceania south Wales and ensure the Derbyshire 31 Middlesex Cup in the Pacific next erating engine and a fuel fence, but his 12th turn im-Cycling continued existence of the newspaper laid against the shortage. Defects to her mast proved on his passive bishop Durham 32 Northants. month. The RFL board ac-The Swiss Armin Meier be at the start of her journey had 33 Nottingham 42 Wales side. cepts that countries such as chairman of Wigan, Jack Robmove of game two and began Essex Since they reached the semi-finals of the World Cup came overall leader in the inson, and his fellow director caused the diversion to San-Glamorgan 34 Somerset strong central counterplay. Western Samoa and Fiji will Tour of Switzerland yester-43 Kamsky tried to push on with 35 Surrey day with a close second to Italy's Michele Bartoli in the John Martin (charged under tos. When she returns to - 44 last October, Wales have lost a number of quality performonly build to Australia and Southampton the 28-year-old his attack but his position 45 shire 36 Sussex England standards if they his real name of Melvyn Ham quickly deteriorated. Karpov 37 Warwicks. will have sailed around the 119-mile second stage. Both 48 Leatherbarrow) has been ad-Kont field full-strength teams. ers, some back to rugby union world, but not non-stop. remained accurate to the end 38 Worcester journed by magistrates while 47 were part of a 13-rider group that broke away to chase Lance Clubs therefore will be duty-**38** Yorkshire Only two races were com in one of the best strategic the prosecution reviews the Leica bound to release players. pleted at the 470 European games in a world title match. As many as 30 players from down the Russian Dimitri Complete county scores allegations. championships in light and Konyshev who had built up White: Kemeky. Black: Kerpon. 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John Merricks and Ian Britain's top two will be miss-CASTLEFORD's former | him at the club until the Great Britain full-back | end of the 1998 season. 81 B. Helpline: 0171 713 4473 Walker had a 23rd and a 13th ing from the team travelling TheGuardian but retain fourth place overto the European Cup Combined Events meeting in Steadman, 34, who cost a all. In the women's champion-Grabam Steadman has ended speculation about his then-world record £170.000 ship Bethan Raggatt and Sue Lage, Germany at the weekfuture by signing a new in 1989, was linked with Carr improved to seventh end. Alex Kruger, the only British decathlete to have please call 0171 239 9735 @TheGuardian contract which will keep Huddersfield and Batley. overall.

Northamptonshire v Warwickshire Walton best of the field

Benson and Hedges Cup, semi-final

Mike Selvey at forthampton

they seemed on course. Two moments of brilliance HEN the Benson and Hedges Cup came into being 25 from Walton changed the course of the match. Penney had just got into his stride, hitting Tony Penberthy years ago, limitedovers cricket was still in its straight into the stands for six, when he clipped John infancy and the quality of out-Emburey to deep midwicket cricket came a very distant third to batting and bowling. and tried for two runs. Pen-Fielding was very definitely ney, as any batsman stupid enough to take him on when just a bloke who wrote Tom Times have changed, how-

he is fielding at point knows, is no slouch. But Walton's pick-up-and-throw was devasever. and yesterday at the County Ground it was the sheer exuberant quality of Northamptonshire's fielding, led by a virtuoso display from a specialist, Tim Walton, In the following over Smith,

four, with Paul Smith and

Trevor Penney going well.

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David Irvine at Queen's

which saw them overcome the competition favourites Warwickshire by 27 runs in a low-scoring semi-final carried over from Tuesday. They will meet Lancashire in the final at Lord's on July 13.

After the bad light and rain that interrupted their momentum on Tuesday evening. Warwickshire resumed yesterday on 91 for three, needing a further 130 runs from just under 27 overs to reach their fifth one-day final in three years, and at 147 for

27 runs (ORTHAMPTO) (n. 70%2) A A COMPACT SCIENCE Petiney run out Pollock & Love & Cape Veich low b Emburey Lymas (07, 42) Tala: ,47.5 overs). Fail of wickels of 154-172 icketa contr 118, 147 151. Score at 15 overs: 53-2.

owing: Ambrose 9-0-39-1: Taylor 1-1-25-2: Cape) 10-0-29-1: Curran 0-32-1: Penberthy 4-0-30-0: Emburey Umpires: J C Balderstone and J I Hempshire.

Rugby League



South Wales all set to go Super

Paul Fitzpatrick

CUPER LEAGUE football Sin south Wales came a step closer yesterday when the sport's governing board of directors agreed in principle to support an application for membership from the South Wales club. The club. currently mod-

estly placed in the Second Division, may be fost-tracked into Super League for the 1997 season provided financial guarantees are met, assuming the RFL full council meeting on July 3 gives formal approval

Although some clubs will oppose what they see as in a trend that will continue. Queue-jumping, approval Wigan's Scott Quinnell is due should be forthcoming. It is to join Richmond this month; 16

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Sports Guardian

Venables weighs up case for defence

England will shuffle for their game against fired-up Scots

lartin Thorpe

NGLAND's thoughts moved from the back im-page to the back line yesterday as Terry Venables put aside his fight with the media to wrestle with the problems of what team to field against Scotland on Saturday. on Saturday.

Things have moved on in the seven years since these sides last met and though the traditional pride, passion and flag-waving will be conspicu-ous by their presence at Wem-bley, other stalwart rituals of his coaching manual will al-

most cartainly not be seeing a prehistoric clash of 4-42s: the Scots are expected to revert to three at the back, which they eschewed against the Dutch;

and England will follow. This though will present Venables with a huge di-lemma, because he will have to face the possibility of drop-ping Tony Adams, whose patriotism and commitment would be ideal on Saturday.

Clues to the England coach's thinking were few and far between yesterday. Three at the back would release a man to strengthen a midfield that looked thin against the Swiss and also help protect Gasgoigne's legs and iungs. It would also provide a mooring for Ince,

And if Pearce is to be the left-sided defender, playing left-sided defender, playing Adams would leave the de-fence with only Gary Neville quicker on the turn than the blimp that flew over Eng-

land's training session yesterday. The central defender must surely be Southgate, who plays the system at Aston Villa, looked impressive in the role against Hungary and whose speed would be an asset against such nippy strikers as McCoist or Spencer. That leaves the midfield. Platt will come in if he can

shake off the rib injury he aggravated yesterday. If not, Redknapp or even Campbell may get the nod. Some propose that Gas-coigne should be brought on

as a pipch-hitter when the Scots are tired and his short fuse is clear of the white heat of the opening half-hour. But that would be a massive blow to a man who thrives on confidence and has already taken so much stick. Venables is unlikely to put him through that. The right-footed McMana-man continues to pose a prob-

lem on the left. So Venables could switch his beloved Anderton and bring in Stone on the right, where his willingness to track back would also help against the left-sided threat of Collins. McManaman could then come on in the centre of midfield, where he is

more comfortable, to replace Gazza should he tire again. Breaking down the Scots will be England's big prob-lem, as the Dutch found out. Bryan Robson talked yesterday of England's need to pace their game better than they did against the Swiss and also net cire the ball away so



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Hegg's heroics have final word

Judgment day for the boss from hell



Jonathan Freedland

HE'S one of the riches women in the United States but she hasn't bought new clothes in nine years. She's the owner of a major-league baseball team but she has never learned the rules of the game. She lives in the land of political correctness but she refers to highly paid black players as "million-dollar niggers", has praised Hitler and keeps a wastika armband in a drawer

at home. She is Marge Schott, the diosyncratic owner of the Cincinnati Reds. At the age of 67 she hasn't met an ethnic group she hasn't disliked, she is an unrepentant sexist and the boss from Hell — taping her players' phone calls, opening their post and banning free toilet-paper as an unnec-essary luxury. She is a cross between Scrooge, J Edgar Hoover and Eva Braun, and is probably the most loathed figure in American sport.

Yesterday was judgment day for old Marge. The 10-man executive council that runs the major leagues ended a week's deliberations and ruled that she had engaged in conduct detrimental to the game. The sentance was widely expected to be a formal suspension from the game and -since she cannot be forced to sell up — a demand that she hand over management of the Reds to someone else. The baseball commission-ers had wanted Marge out for

years, her mouth a living PR disaster for a game with no shortage of image problems.

Always proud of her Ger-man heritage, she then turned to one of history's misunderstood men, Adolf Hitler. "He was okay at the beginning. He rebuilt all the roads, honey. He just went too far." So did Marge. That was the last straw for the men who run

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baseball, who hauled her before them last week. Staff at the Reds, the players, the fans, all watched anxiously - pray-ing she'd get the boot. "I think

his she is the single worst person I've ever known," said one Reds veteran fondly. "Spite-ful, mean-spirited and evil." She is so mean, she de-

mands personal approval of every cheque over \$50 (£33). She rummages through ruh bish bags, ensuring that discarded paper has been used on both sides. She turns off computers to save electricity, wiping out data as she goes. She refuses to hire cleaners, so management duties at the Reds include maintaining the

toilets. When her team, despite everything, won the World Series in 1990 she wouldn't shell out for a celebration. The victorious players had to pop out and come back with a few hamburgers. Some say Marge is a figure of pathos. She was the fifth of

five daughters; her father wanted a boy and called her Butch. The widow of an apparently loveless marriage, she now lives alone in a 40-room mansion with only her 22 St Bernards for company. At games she can be spotted alone in her luxury box waiting for the employee charged

with walking her favourite dog. named (inevitably) Schottzie, to return and report. "Tinkle or poo?" she asks after each trip. Those who know say Marge can only sleep at night after she's knocked back a cocktail of vodka and sedatives.

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